

The Chemical Safety Board: Who We Are and What We Do

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Tell us a little about your background,
especially as it relates to chairing the CSB.



Briefly, what is the CSB's mission?

- The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents.
- Drive chemical safety change through independent investigations to protect people and the environment

Compare CSB to OSHA & EPA?

- The agency does not issue fines or citations, but does make recommendations to plants, regulatory agencies such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), industry organizations, and labor groups.
- Congress designed the CSB to be non-regulatory and independent of other agencies so that its investigations might, where appropriate, review the effectiveness of regulations and regulatory enforcement.



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How is CSB organized?

- Five members, appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate; fixed terms of five years.
 - The Board Chair serves as the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for agency administration.
 - The full Board is responsible for major budgeting decisions, strategic planning and direction, general agency oversight, and approval of investigation reports and studies.
- The CSB's investigative staff includes chemical and mechanical engineers, industrial safety experts, and other specialists with experience in the private and public sectors.

Generally, how does CSB work?



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An independent federal agency investigating chemical accidents to protect workers, the public, and the environment.

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CSB Releases Final Report into 2016 Nitrous Oxide Explosion at Airgas Facility in Cantonment, Florida

Noting Safety Management System and Regulatory Deficiencies Contributed to the Incident





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Please tell us about an example of a
CSB investigation and its outcomes.





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How does the CSB interact with the various
chemical industry sectors and with the
public?



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