



U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INSPECTION AUTHORITY

1. **PURPOSE.** This order establishes the manner by which the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will issue written notices of inspection authority, thereby granting the right of entry to any of its officers or employees, to any property affected by a qualifying chemical incident, in order to inspect such property and do all things necessary for a proper investigation.
2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This order is effective upon passage.
3. **SCOPE.** This order applies to all officers and employees and all investigations performed by the CSB.
4. **REFERENCES.** This order implements relevant portions of Chapter 85 of Title 42 of the United States Code.
5. **POLICY.** Through delegation and oversight, the Board seeks to create a procedure to authorize written notices of inspection authority upon the determination that a chemical incident should be investigated by the CSB.
6. **DELEGATION.** The Board hereby delegates all of its power and authority pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(6)(N) to its General Counsel to take all actions necessary and proper to issue written notices of inspection authority, in the form attached hereto as Appendix 1, when appropriate. Such notice shall thereby authorize CSB officers or employees to commence a physical inspection of property and otherwise conduct a full and proper investigation, in accordance with the CSB enabling statute, Board Orders, and regulations. This power and authority to issue written notices of inspection authority can only be exercised after the Chairperson or the Managing Director has authorized a CSB deployment or investigation following a qualifying chemical incident.
7. **BOARD OVERSIGHT.** The Board hereby retains oversight and supervisory responsibilities of the General Counsel in these matters.

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