

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

BUDGET ESTIMATES

FISCAL YEAR 1998

TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Trust Funds

General and special funds:

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board in carrying out activities pursuant to section 112(r)(6) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, including hire of passenger vehicles and for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376, and for uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901 - 5902), \$7,000,000 to remain available until expended. As with all other budgetary activities of the Board, these funds are not subject to review, approval or revision by the President. The funds are to be directly available to the Board from the Hazardous Waste Response Fund established by P.L. 96-510 (Environmental Responses Act) and amended by P.L. 99-499 (Superfund Amendments of 1986), as the Board's activities, which are designed to protect human health from the consequences of accidental chemical releases, are consistent with the use of the Fund to carry out the health-related authorities of the Act. Appointments of current Board members will terminate five years from the effective date of this appropriation, thereby providing those members the opportunity to perform their duties for the full term of office established by Congress.

Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board is an independent agency created by act of Congress. The Board's current powers and duties are provided for by Public Law 101-549, Clean Air Act (As Amended) of 1990. It is charged with promoting chemical safety, in order to protect public health and safety and the environment, through the investigation of accidents, the conduct of special studies, the development of recommendations to prevent accidents, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of other Government agencies in preventing chemical-related accidents.

The Board (1) investigates (or causes to be investigated) and makes and reports findings concerning any accidental chemical release resulting in or having the potential to cause a fatality, serious injury or substantial property damage; (2) issues reports recommending measures to prevent or minimize the consequences of accidental releases; (3) proposes to the President and Congress legislative and administrative corrective actions which will help make chemical production, processing, handling and storage as safe and free from risk as possible; (4) conducts research and studies with respect to potential for accidental releases; (5) may develop proposed rules or orders which should be issued by EPA or OSHA to prevent or minimize consequences of any releases of substances having adverse effects on human health or causing substantial property damage; and (6) submits an annual report to the President and Congress.

The Board advises the President and Congress of actions taken by EPA or the Secretary of Labor or heads of other agencies to implement Board recommendations, and reports to the President and Congress on progress in development of risk-reduction technologies and on public and private sector response to and implementation of significant research findings on chemical safety. Further, the Board, at the request of the President, the Congress, or on the Board's own motion, undertakes comprehensive studies and provides reports and advice on

key issues relating to chemical safety.

Pursuant to Section 301 of Title III of the Clean Air Act (As Amended) of 1990, the budget estimates for the Board are included without approval or review by the President.

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SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Program and Financing (In thousands of dollars)

Identification Code 95-3850-0-1-304	1996 actual	1997 actual	1998 estimate
Program by activities:			
Direct Program			
00.01 Research, investigations, and reports			7000
01.01 Reimbursable program			
10.00 Total obligations			7000
Financing:			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year			
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year			
39.00 Budget authority			7000
Budget authority:			
40.00 Appropriation			7000
Relation of obligations to outlays:			
71.00 Total obligations			6500
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year			
74.40 Obligated balance, end of year			-500
78.00 Adjustments in unexpired accounts			
90.00 Outlays (net)			7000

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Program and Financing (In thousands of dollars)

Identification Code 95-3850-0-1-304	1996 actual	1997 actual	1998 estimate
Personnel Compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent positions			2562
11.3 Positions other than full-time permanent			
11.5 Other personnel compensation			
11.8 Special personal services payments			
11.9 Total personnel compensation			2250
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits			414
13.0 Benefits for former personnel			
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons			127
22.0 Transportation of things			12
23.1 Rental payments to GSA			184
23.2 Rental payments to others			
23.3 Communications, utilities and miscellaneous charges			230
24.0 Printing and reproduction			173
25.1 Consulting services			58
25.2 Other services			2940
25.3 Purchases of goods and services from Government accounts			
26.0 Supplies and materials			35
31.0 Equipment			230
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities			35
99.9 Subtotal, direct obligations			7000

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Personnel Summary

Identification Code 95-3850-0-1-304	1996 actual	1997 actual	1998 estimate
Total compensable workyears			
Full-time equivalent employment_____	_____	_____	29
Full-time equivalent of overtime and holiday hours_____	_____	_____	1

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

EMERGENCY FUND

For necessary expenses of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board in carrying out accident investigations pursuant to section 112(r)(6) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, including hire of passenger vehicles and for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376, and for uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901 - 5902), \$1,000,000 to remain available until expended. As with all other budgetary activities of the Board, these funds are not subject to review, approval or revision by the President.

Program and Financing (In thousands of dollars)

Identification Code 95-3850-0-1-304	1996 actual	1997 actual	1998 estimate
Financing:			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year: Treasury balance			1,000
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year: Treasury balance			500
40.00 Budget authority (appropriation)			
Relation of obligations to outlays:			
71.00 Total obligations			
90.00 Outlays			

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board is mandated by Congress to investigate all catastrophic toxic or hazardous chemical-related accidents (ones resulting in a fatality, serious injury or substantial property damage or that had the potential to do so whether at a work location or among the general population), and therefore, has no control over the frequency of costly accident investigations. This emergency fund provides a funding mechanism by which periodic accident investigation cost fluctuations can be met without delaying critical phases of the investigations.