

BOARD BIOGRAPHIES



U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board



CHAIRPERSON

Vanessa Allen Sutherland

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB)

Vanessa Allen Sutherland currently serves as the Chairperson and CEO of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Chairperson Sutherland was nominated by President Barack Obama in March, 2015 and confirmed by the Senate in August, 2015. Prior to her appointment as Chairperson,

Ms. Sutherland served as the fourth politically appointed Chief Counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Before her political career, Ms. Sutherland spent seven years as Counsel at a Fortune 25 company. Ms. Sutherland was profiled in the Legal Times for being a top, senior, minority, and in-house lawyer. Ms. Sutherland attained her B.A. from Drew University in New Jersey; her J.D. and M.B.A. from American University; and also has a Certified Information Privacy Professional standing from the IAPP. She speaks French and is proficient in Spanish.



BOARD MEMBER

Rick Engler

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB)

Rick Engler is a Board Member of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Member Engler was nominated by President Barack Obama in January 2014, and confirmed by the Senate in December 2014. Before joining the CSB, Mr. Engler was founder and Director of the New Jersey Work

Environment Council. He is also the founder of the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health and served as an elected Vice President of the NJ Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO.

He has advocated for successful landmark state and national public policies that promote hazard communication, workforce development, chemical incident prevention, inherently safer processes, and whistleblower protection. Among these policies are the New Jersey Worker and Community Right to Know and Toxic Catastrophe laws and the national 1990 Clean Air Act amendments. Mr. Engler has been a forerunner in collaborative labor-management-community initiatives to help investigate and prevent chemical incidents.



BOARD MEMBER

Kristen Kulinowski

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB)

Kristen M. Kulinowski, Ph.D. is a Board Member of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Member Kulinowski was nominated by President Barack Obama in January 2015 and confirmed by the Senate in August 2015. Prior to joining the Board, Dr. Kulinowski

was a Research Staff Member in the Institute for Defense Analysis Science & Technology Policy Institute.

In 2011, Dr. Kulinowski was a Senior Faculty Fellow in Chemistry at Rice University as the Executive Director for the Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology (CBEN) and the Director of the International Council on Nanotechnology (ICON). Dr. Kulinowski has advised governments on nanotechnology policy issues; she is also a founder of ASTM International's standards committee on nanotechnology. Dr. Kulinowski was competitively selected as a Congressional Science Policy Fellow from 2001 to 2002, where she worked in the U.S. House of Representatives on legislation involving weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, and domestic nuclear power security in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. Dr. Kulinowski attained her Ph.D. and M.S. degrees from the University of Rochester and a B.S. with Honors from Canisius College.



BOARD MEMBER

Manuel "Manny" Ehrlich

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB)

Manuel "Manny" Ehrlich is a Board Member of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Member Ehrlich was nominated by President Barack Obama in January 2014 and confirmed by the Senate in December 2014. Before joining the CSB, Mr. Ehrlich spent much of his career

with Badens Aniline and Soda Factory (BASF) Corporation. During his time at BASF, Mr. Ehrlich worked in a variety of roles, including plant management and eventually leading emergency response efforts across North America.

Prior to joining BASF, Mr. Ehrlich served as the on call chemist for the Chemical Transportation Emergency Response Center (also known as CHEMTREC) in the U.S., a 24-hour service that assists responders on the scene of chemical incidents. He also served as a member of the National Fire Protection Association's committee that develops competency standards for chemical emergency responders. Mr. Ehrlich attained his B.S. from Drexel Institute of Technology; completed graduate studies at Temple University, St. Joseph's College, New York University and attained his Ed.M. and M.A. from Columbia University.