

**United States Chemical Safety and Hazard
Investigation Board**

Board Action Report

Notation No. 20:

1. Whereas, the Congress in its appropriation report for the Chemical Safety Board budget directed that the CSB "spend the preponderance of its resources, including contract resources, on investigations and safety instead of on external affairs or information technology" and
2. whereas the Board has reviewed the three proposed contracts identified on the CSB budget worksheet as "D&B," "Repository work," and "ORNL follow-on" and
3. whereas the Board believes that these contracts, for the most part, represent development of information technology and are not justifiable at this time as cost effective contributions to the investigation budget as proposed by the COO in the CSB draft budget of November 18, 1999, and
4. whereas, the Board believes that these three contracts should not be allowed to go forward because such contracts are not responsive to the Congress's directions that the CSB concentrate its resources on investigations and safety, but has received no assurance that its directions will be followed.

Therefore the Board directs the Chairman by December 10, 1999 to order CSB staff not to go forward in placing these three contracts, and, furthermore, the Board directs the Chairman by December 10, 1999 to provide written notification to the Board members of his actions to direct the staff to comply with the Board's direction on this matter.

Approval Date: December 9, 1999

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Participating</u>
Chairman Paul L. Hill		x	
Isadore Rosenthal	x		
Gerald Poje	x		
Andrea Taylor	x		