



Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Memorandum

To: Board Members

From: Richard C. Loeb *RC*

Cc: Leadership Team

Subject: Board Action Report – Notation Item 2013-51

Date: October 21, 2013

On September 30, 2013, Notation Item 2013-51 was calendared. The item would have provided for the adoption of the NDK America investigation report, recommendations, and video products. Comments from Member Griffon and Member Rosenberg are attached.

Voting Summary – Notation Item 2013-51

Disposition: CALENDARED

Disposition date: September 30, 2013

	Approve	Disapprove	Calendar	Not Participating	Date
R. Moure-Eraso	X				9/23/2013
M. Griffon			X		9/30/2013
B. Rosenberg			X		9/30/2013

Comments from Member Griffon:

I vote to calendar this item for discussion in a public meeting (in Washington, DC). This incident resulted in the death of a member of the public and raises the very important question of the proximity of highly hazardous plants to the public. This issue has come up in several CSB investigations, most recently the Chevron incident in Richmond, CA and the West Fertilizer incident in West, Texas. I, therefore, believe this report and recommendations should be presented and discussed in a public meeting.

Comments from Member Rosenberg:

This is a good report. The staff is to be commended on their work. I vote to calendar it because this report highlights the zoning and siting of high hazard facilities. This issue is extremely important and should be aired in our next public meeting, which can be a very modest one in DC.