



Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

Office of General Counsel

Memorandum

To: Board Members

From: Christopher Warner

Cc: Leadership Team

Subject: Board Action Report – Notation Item 881

Date: October 3, 2011

On September 30, 2011, the Board approved Notation Item 881, thereby adopting the case study and recommendations proposed by the item as the Board's Case Study and Recommendations on the Texas Tech University laboratory explosion incident.

Voting Summary – Notation Item 881

Disposition: APPROVED

Disposition date: September 30, 2011

	Approve	Disapprove	Calendar	Not Participating	Date
R. Moure-Eraso	X				9/23/2011
J. Bresland	X				9/28/2011
M. Griffon	X				9/30/2011



U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

MEMORANDUM

September 23, 2011

To: Board Members
From: Rafael Moure-Eraso
Cc: Leadership Team
Subject: Notation Item 881

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Attached for your review and vote is Notation Item 881. This item provides for the adoption of the case study and recommendations resulting from the investigation of the laboratory explosion that occurred on January 7, 2010, at Texas Tech University.

The draft case study was subject to internal and external quality control reviews, consistent with the CSB Data Quality Guidelines. The quality assurance process is summarized and documented in the Investigation Product Review Verification and Certification form attached to this memorandum. Inquiries about the quality review process, or requests for additional documentation, should be made to Cheryl MacKenzie.

You may also direct any other questions about this item to Cheryl MacKenzie. Please return your completed vote sheets to Chris Kirkpatrick as soon as possible, but no later than the close of business on September 30, 2011. Thank you for your attention to this item.

**U.S. Chemical Safety and
Hazard Investigation Board**



Hon. Rafael Moure-Eraso
Chairperson

Hon. John S. Bresland
Board Member

Hon. Mark Griffon
Board Member

**CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD
MEMBER VOTING RECORD**

Notation No.: 881

Voting Period: September 23 – September 30, 2011

Subject: Adoption of Case Study on the Texas Tech University Laboratory Explosion Incident

Whereas,

1. The Board is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(6)(C)(i) to “investigate . . . and report to the public in writing the facts, conditions, and circumstances and the cause or probable cause of any accidental release resulting in a fatality, serious injury or substantial property damages;”
2. The Board is further authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(6)(C)(ii) to “issue periodic reports to the Congress, Federal, State and local agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, concerned with the safety of chemical production, processing, handling and storage, and other interested persons recommending measures to reduce the likelihood or the consequences of accidental releases and proposing corrective steps to make chemical production, processing, handling and storage as safe and free from risk of injury as is possible;” and
3. CSB staff have prepared the attached proposed case study, including recommendations, based upon their investigation of the laboratory explosion that occurred on January 7, 2010, at Texas Tech University.

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Therefore, pursuant to its authority under 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(6)(C)(i) and (ii), the Board hereby votes to adopt the attached proposed case study and recommendations as the Board's Case Study and Recommendations on the Texas Tech University laboratory explosion incident.

_____ I **APPROVE** this notation item **AS PRESENTED**.

_____ I **CALENDAR** this notation item for discussion at a Board meeting.
_____ *Some of my concerns are discussed below or on the attached memorandum.*

_____ I **DISAPPROVE** this notation item.
_____ *A dissent is attached.*
_____ *I will not file a dissent.*

_____ I am **NOT PARTICIPATING**.

Date: _____

Member: _____