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

Charles B. Barbee currently serves as the Director of Recommendations for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Director Barbee began serving in this capacity on August 8, 2016. He is responsible for the CSB's Recommendations Program as well as the Critical Drivers List and Advocacy Program. They include the development, issuance, tracking, prioritizing, advocacy, and closing of CSB Recommendations.

Prior to this position, Mr. Barbee was named the Chief of the Environmental Enforcement Division for the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) upon its inception on October 1, 2011, where he was primarily responsible for leading the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and ensuring that all offshore operations on the United States and Arctic Outer Continental Shelves were conducted in a clean and environmentally responsible manner. During his tenure with BSEE, he was a recipient of the Secretary of the Interior Award for developing a program and establishing policy for cleaning and repurposing obsolete oil and gas structures as artificial reefs, referred to as the "Rigs-to-Reefs" program.

Before his career as a government employee, Mr. Barbee served 24 years of active military duty with the U.S. Coast Guard. There he served in several capacities including shipboard engineering officer, law enforcement boarding officer, federal on-scene coordinator, senior marine inspector, and senior marine casualty investigator.

Mr. Barbee is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he attained a B.S. in Government. He also earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Barbee holds several qualifications, including Project Management Professional, advanced National Incident Management System certifications, and an unlimited Merchant Mariner's License. He is married to Tina Barbee, has a son, Brandon, and two daughters, Sierra and Madison.