

Office of Investigations
Investigation Status Update
(3-8-19)

There were no new deployments since the last Business Meeting on October 28, 2018. All investigations were delayed due to the 35-day shutdown of the Federal government. Listed below is the status of the open investigations:

Dupont (November 15, 2014)

- The Investigator-In-Charge is revising the draft report based on feedback developed during the internal review process.
- The final report is scheduled to be completed and submitted to the Board before May 15, 2019.

Sunoco Logistics (August 12, 2016)

- This investigation is on hold due to the lack of available investigative staff.

Loy-Lange (April 3, 2017)

- A Lead Investigator is continuing the analysis of data collected through the investigative process.
- A draft report for internal review is scheduled for completion by July 30, 2019.

Midland Resource Recovery (May 24, 2017)

- This investigation is on hold due to lack of available investigative staff.

Didion Milling (May 31, 2017)

- The investigation team continues to analyze data collected through the investigative process.
- The detailed inspection and non-destructive testing of the Bauermeister Gap Mill unit (mechanical corn pulverizer/grinder) is scheduled to be completed by May 31, 2019.

Pryor Trust (January 22, 2018)

- The Investigator-In-Charge is revising the draft report based on feedback developed during the internal review process.
- The final report is scheduled to be completed and submitted to the Board before May 30, 2019.

Husky Energy Refinery (April 26, 2018)

- The Investigator-In-Charge is developing the draft report.
- The final report is scheduled to be completed and submitted to the Board before August 31, 2019.

Kuraray American EVAL (May 19, 2018)

- The Investigator-In-Charge is developing the draft report.
- The internal review of the draft report is scheduled to be completed by July 30, 2019.
- The final report is scheduled to be completed and submitted to the Board before September 15, 2019.

Dust Call to Action Project

- As part of the Didion Milling Investigation, the CSB created a “Call to Action Questionnaire”.
- The purpose and scope of the project is to explore dust explosions from multiple industry perspectives to better understand the actions taken by those in high hazard industries.
- The CSB received 57 total responses from multiple industries that manage combustible dust.
- Industries groups that responded include plastics, chemicals, grain, food, petroleum and metals.
- Individual respondents included engineers, researchers, consultants, suppliers, safety advisors, managers, regulatory affairs officers, company owners and presidents, policy advisors, multiple unions, industry councils, a regulator and the standard setting groups.
- The responses the CSB received came from sources within the United States in addition to 13 foreign countries.
- The next steps of the process will consist of capturing and aggregating the input from industry respondents into specific categories.
- The work product will consist of an outline of findings will be developed which will result in a report and proposed actions.