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Thomas E. Zoeller, is the Senior Advisor to the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB), joining the CSB in January 2017. He provides strategic management on the CSB's external relationships, focusing on intergovernmental and industry relationships, as well as executive management of the agency's strategic plan and goals. Mr. Zoeller brings over 30 years of Federal executive service to the agency.

Prior to joining the CSB, he was the managing director of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), one of the preeminent global transportation safety investigation authorities. During his tenure at the NTSB, he provided strategic management of the agency's investigations including the crash of a UPS aircraft in Birmingham, Alabama; the explosion of a gas pipeline in San Bruno, California; the sinking of the

cargo ship *El Faro* in the Atlantic Ocean near the Bahamas; and numerous investigations of the Washington, D.C. subway system. He also served as chief of staff at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and was a principal advisor of the agency's response to the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Mr. Zoeller was a legislative counsel to Senator Wendell H. Ford (D-KY) where he worked on transportation policy and election law issues. He was a principal staff member in the drafting and passage of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("motor voter") and numerous authorizations of the FAA. He also has served in senior leadership positions in two aviation trade associations.

He is a 1984 graduate of The Catholic University of America (B.A., *magna cum laude*), and obtained a law degree in 1987 from Seton Hall University in Newark, New Jersey. A licensed attorney in the state of New Jersey, he resides in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife and two sons.