

STAND UP FOR CHEMICAL SAFETY

SaveCSB

Chemical spills, explosions, and fires can endanger workers, plant neighbors, and our environment. And when these incidents destroy industrial facilities, our communities lose jobs.



But now, President Trump's proposed 2018 budget **eliminates** a small, independent agency, the US Chemical Safety Board (CSB) that helps keep our nation safer. CSB investigates chemical disasters to find their causes and recommends ways to prevent future accidents. ***No other federal agency or private group does this.***

CSB's investigations and recommendations help to make our nation safer. For example:

- Industrial workers are more aware of the hazards of combustible dust.
- Firefighters are being trained on rescue procedures for confined spaces and also on ammonium nitrate's explosive potential.
- The oil refining industry is moving office workers away from processing areas, and is building blast resistant control centers for people who must work nearby.
- Greater attention is paid to safety in chemistry classrooms and research labs.
- OSHA and EPA have issued alerts on hazardous waste, reactive chemicals, and other risks.

Moreover, States have adopted new safeguards for chemical safety:

- **North Carolina, Kentucky, and New Jersey** trained fire inspectors on prevention of dust explosions.
- **Colorado** took measures to protect emergency responders during rescues in confined space.
- **Mississippi** improved safeguards for communities with oil and gas sites.
- **West Virginia** enhanced spill prevention measures.
- **Connecticut** banned flammable gas for cleaning pipes.
- **New Jersey** issued policies to prevent runaway chemical reactions; and
- **New York City** strengthened its fire code to address chemical risks.

Take Action: Tell Congress to fund the Chemical Safety Board

- ➔ Call ***and*** write your Congressional Representative and the ones below and urge them to make our nation, communities and workplaces safer by voting to maintain \$11.6 million in funding for CSB. Our health, lives and jobs are worth it!
- ➔ Share your thoughts on Twitter using #SaveCSB.

House Committee on Appropriations

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What Chemical Safety Board Supporters Say

"If you want to put the American people in danger, this is the way to do it."

-NJ Governor Christine Todd Whitman, former EPA Administrator under President Bush

"...CSB activities have made the chemical industry and the public safer."

-Eric R. Byer, President, National Association of Chemical Distributors

"We know CSB recommendations have made our plants safer, not just for workers but for residents surrounding those plants. When a chemical accident is prevented, it doesn't make news."

-Michael Wright, Director, United Steelworkers Dept. of Health, Safety, & Environment

"Our process industries support essential economic development. However, businesses dependent on hazardous materials operate with the daunting challenge of preventing catastrophic accidents. CSB was created to fulfill that need and should be maintained."

-June Wispelwey, Executive Director, American Institute of Chemical Engineers

-Shakeel Kadri, Executive Director, Center for Chemical Process Safety

"It's a vitally important agency that has an outsize impact for a very small budget."

-Glen Ruskin, Director, External Affairs, American Chemical Society

"The CSB has directly contributed to employers' and our members' understanding of how best to keep safe the thousands of Americans who work in complex and dangerous chemical processing facilities, undoubtedly avoiding injuries and illness, and saving lives."

-Tom Cecich, President, American Society of Safety Engineers

"CSB fills a vital role in the chemical industry and we strongly encourage the full funding of the CSB."

-Frank Reiner, President, the Chlorine Institute

"Just one chemical catastrophe could dwarf the cost of the \$11.6 million annual budget for the CSB. Eliminating this agency would be pennywise and pound foolish, unnecessarily putting workers and communities at risk."

-Dan Fatton, Executive Director, NJ Work Environment Council

For more information on the work of the Chemical Safety Board, including viewing their popular safety videos, visit www.csb.gov.



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