

**United States Chemical Safety and Hazard
Investigation Board
Board Action Report**

Notation No 35:

1. Whereas, the President of the United States has accepted the resignation of Dr. Hill as Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (Board) effective January 12, 2000;
2. Whereas, the President has yet to appoint a new Chairperson, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;
3. Whereas, the business of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board must continue during the interim period between the resignation of the Chairperson and the appointment of a new Chairperson, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;
4. Whereas, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(6)(N), the Board is authorized to establish such procedural and administrative rules as are necessary to the exercise of its functions and duties, including interim operating procedures during a vacancy in the position of the Chairperson;
5. Whereas, the Board has duly enacted an Order (003) which governs interim operating procedures in the event of the resignation of the Chairperson;
6. Whereas, pursuant to Board Order 003, section I - paragraph F, a simple majority vote of the Board according to its quorum and voting rules is necessary to approve an action over \$10,000;
7. Whereas, the business of the Office of General Counsel requires that certain legal matters be researched and that legal opinions be written thereon;
8. Whereas, the Office of General Counsel needs a law clerk in order to assist it in carrying out its duties;
9. Whereas, the law clerk, who will work part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer months, will be hired as a contractor;
10. Whereas, the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Public Debt, Administrative Resource Center, has reviewed the proposed contract and finds that its terms reflect a fair and proper agreement between the parties;
11. Whereas, the General Counsel has reviewed the proposed contract and finds that its terms reflect a fair and proper agreement between the parties; and
12. Whereas, the proposed contract shall exceed \$10,000.

Therefore, pursuant to its authority under 42 U.S.C. § 7412, the Board hereby votes to approve a contract for law clerk services.

Approval Date: March 29, 2000

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Participating</u>
Paul L. Hill	x		
Isadore Rosenthal	x		
Gerald Poje	x		
Andrea Taylor	x		