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Via Email

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Re: FOIA Request R11-048

Dear Dr. Young:

This is an initial response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 12, 2011, that you submitted to the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Your request seeks the CSB database of accidents that have occurred in university laboratories. The CSB received your request on September 19, 2011. The tracking number for your request, which should be referenced in any future communications, is R11-048.

The CSB has identified a total of 120 incidents between 2001 and 2011 that fall within the scope of your request. I have determined that a list of 80 of those incidents that are included in the CSB's incident screening database may be released in full. A copy of the list is enclosed with this letter. There is additional data for each of these 80 incidents. The CSB will provide the releasable portions of that data in the near future.

The remaining 40 incidents were identified by CSB investigators in the course of preparing the forthcoming case study on the January 2010 laboratory explosion at Texas Tech University. After the case study is released and the incident data is reviewed for FOIA purposes, the CSB will also release additional information on these 40 incidents.

My current estimate is that additional information on all 120 incidents should be available within three to four weeks. In the meantime, I hope the information released with this letter is sufficient to summarize the scope of this safety issue.

The CSB will continue to keep you apprised as the processing of your request progresses. If you have any questions about your FOIA request, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 202-261-7619, or by e-mail at Chris.Kirkpatrick@csb.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
FOIA Officer

Enclosure



CSB Lab Incidents 2001-2011

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Incident Date and Time	Company	City	State	Fatalities	Injuries
7/23/2001	University of California, Irvine	IRVINE	California	0	3
10/10/2001	University of Utah campus	Salt Lake City	Utah	0	0
12/31/2002	University of Washington Medical Center	Seattle	Washington	0	0
1/31/2006	Cornell University	Ithaca	New York	0	1
2/20/2006	West Chester University	West Chester	Pennsylvania	0	2
2/24/2006	University of Denver	Denver	Colorado	0	0
3/2/2006	University of Idaho	Moscow	Idaho	0	1
4/3/2006	University of Maryland Biotechnology Instit	Baltimore	Maryland	0	1
4/20/2006	Scripps Research Institute - Florida Atlantic	Jupiter	Florida	0	0
4/21/2006	Northwestern University	Evanston	Illinois	0	1
5/16/2006	Georgia Technical University	Atlanta	Georgia	0	1
6/16/2006	Binghamton University	Vestal	New York	0	0
6/28/2006	Brown University	West Lafayette	Indiana	0	0
7/20/2006	University of Colorado	Boulder	Colorado	0	3
7/20/2006	University of Minnesota	St. Paul	Minnesota	0	0
7/27/2006	Colorado University	Boulder	Colorado	0	1
8/1/2006	University of Washington	Seattle	Washington	0	1
8/24/2006	Rice University	Houston	Texas	0	0
8/27/2006	Indiana University	Bloomington	Indiana	0	0
9/6/2006	Georgia State University	Atlanta	Georgia	0	6
10/31/2006	Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	0	2
11/3/2006	University of Kentucky	Lexington	Kentucky	0	7



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11/12/2006	Yale University	New Haven	Connecticut	0	1
12/21/2006	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville	Arkansas	0	0
2/20/2007	James Madison University	Harrisonburg	Virginia	0	0
2/26/2007	Duquesne University	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	0	0
3/20/2007	Boston College	Boston	Massachusetts	0	1
3/27/2007	NC State University	Raleigh	North Carolina	0	1
4/10/2007	West Virginia University	Morgantown	West Virginia	0	3
5/1/2007	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	0	0
5/24/2007	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	0	1
5/28/2007	University of South Florida	Tampa	Florida	0	3
6/18/2007	Delaware State University	Dover	Delaware	0	2
7/18/2007	Tennessee Tech University	Cookville	Tennessee	0	1
7/27/2007	University of Arizona	Tucson	Arizona	0	0
8/3/2007	UB University	Getzville	New York	0	0
8/6/2007	Washington University - Lab 130b	St. Louis	Missouri	0	0
9/11/2007	Ball State University	Muncie	Indiana	0	Unknown
9/11/2007	University of Vermont Geology Lab	Burlington	Vermont	0	15
9/17/2007	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	Michigan	0	0
9/19/2007	Purdue University	West Lafayette	Indiana	0	0
10/1/2007	Boston University	Boston	Massachusetts	0	0
10/14/2007	University of California, Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	California	0	0
10/19/2007	Marshall University	Hungtington	West Virginia	0	0



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10/25/2007	Yale University	New Haven	Connecticut	0	1
10/29/2007	Drake University	Des Moines	Iowa	0	0
10/30/2007	Northwestern University	Evanston	Illinois	0	0
11/27/2007	University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill	North Carolina	0	2
12/6/2007	Brigham Young University	Provo	Utah	0	0
2/5/2008	University of Washington	Seattle	Washington	0	Unknown
2/13/2008	Souther Illinois University Carbondale	Carbondale	Illinois	0	0
2/13/2008	University of South Dakota	Vermillion	South Dakota	0	0
2/22/2008	University of Wisconsin--Madison	Madison	Wisconsin	0	0
3/5/2008	Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore	Maryland	0	2
3/30/2008	University of Texas	Austin	Texas	0	0
4/7/2008	University of Washington	Seattle	Washington	0	0
4/10/2008	Florida A&M University	Tallahassee	Florida	0	1
5/21/2008	University of South Florida	Tampa	Florida	0	6
5/27/2008	University of Arizona	Tucson	Arizona	0	0
6/12/2008	University of Florida	Gainesville	Florida	0	0
6/23/2008	University of CA Davis	Sacramento	California	0	2
7/16/2008	University of Colorado	Boulder	Colorado	0	0
7/22/2008	Colorado State University	Fort Collins	Colorado	0	0
8/8/2008	Auburn University	Auburn	Alabama	0	0
9/8/2008	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	Alabama	0	1
9/8/2008	Michigan State University	East Lansing	Michigan	0	0



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9/9/2008	Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta	Georgia	0	0
9/15/2008	Chico State University	Chico	California	0	0
2/28/2009	Boise State University	Boise	Idaho	0	1
1/7/2010 at 7:00 PM	Texas Tech University	Lubbock	Texas	0	1
5/11/2010	Texas A&M	College Station	Texas	0	2
6/2/2010 at 1:00 PM	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Carbondale	Illinois	0	1
6/28/2010 at 2:30 PM	University of Missouri Schweitzer Hall Expl	Columbia	Missouri	0	4
12/3/2010	Northwestern University	Evanston	Illinois	0	1
2/17/2011 at 5:30 PM	Oregon Health and Science University	Portland	Oregon	0	4
3/10/2011	LSU lab incident	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	0	1
5/9/2011 at 9:30 AM	University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley	california	0	1
5/12/2011	Clarkson University's Center for Advanced I	Potsdam	New York	0	1
6/20/2011 at 6:30 PM	Purdue University	West Lafayette	Indiana	0	6
7/12/2011	University of West Florida	Pensacola	Florida	0	2