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request, to determine whether any portion of that record may be withheld under one or more of the FOIA exemptions. It also includes the processing of any record for disclosure; for example, redacting information that is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. Review does not include time spent resolving general legal or policy issues regarding the use of FOIA exemptions.

Search refers to the time spent looking for material that is responsive to a request, including page-by-page or line-by-line identification of material within a document. The CSB shall ensure that searches are conducted in the most efficient and least expensive manner reasonably possible.

Submitter means any person or entity who provides information directly or indirectly to the CSB. The term includes, but is not limited to, corporations, Indian tribal governments, state governments, and foreign governments.

Working day means a Federal workday that does not include Saturdays, Sundays, or Federal holidays.

Subpart B—Administration

§ 1601.10 Protection of records.

(a) Except as authorized by this part or as otherwise necessary in performing official duties, no employee shall in any manner disclose or permit disclosure of any document or information in the possession of the CSB that is confidential or otherwise of a non-public nature, including that regarding the CSB, the Environmental Protection Agency or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

(b) No person may, without permission, remove from the place where it is made available any record made available to him for inspection or copying. Stealing, altering, mutilating, obliterating, or destroying, in whole or in part, such a record shall be deemed a crime.

§ 1601.11 Preservation of records pertaining to requests under this part.

The CSB will preserve all correspondence pertaining to the requests that it receives under this part, as well as copies of all requested records, until disposition or destruction is authorized by Title 44 of the United States Code or

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the National Archives and Records Administration's General Records Schedule 14. Records will not be disposed of while they are the subject of a pending request, appeal, or lawsuit under the FOIA.

§ 1601.12 Public reading room.

(a) The CSB maintains a public reading room that contains the records that the FOIA requires to be made regularly available for public inspection and copying as well as a current subject-matter index of its reading room records.

(b) Because of the lack of requests to date for material required to be indexed, the CSB has determined that it is unnecessary and impracticable to publish quarterly, or more frequently, and distribute (by sale or otherwise) copies of each index and supplements thereto, as provided in 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2). However, the CSB will provide a copy of such indexes to a member of the public upon request, at a cost not to exceed the direct cost of duplication and mailing, if sending records by other than ordinary mail.

(c) The CSB maintains a public reading room at its headquarters: 2175 K Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20037-1809.

(d) *Copying*. The cost of copying information available in the offices of the CSB shall be imposed on a requester in accordance with the provisions of §§ 1601.30 through 1601.33.

(e) The CSB also makes reading room records available electronically through the agency's World Wide Web site (which can be found at <http://www.csb.gov>). This includes the index of its reading room records, indicating which records are available electronically.

Subpart C—Procedures for Requesting and Disclosing Records

§ 1601.20 Requests for records.

(a) *Addressing requests*. Requests for records in the possession of the CSB shall be made in writing. The envelope and the request both should be clearly marked *FOIA Request* and addressed to: FOIA Officer, United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board,