

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

Board Action Report

Notation No. 59:

Whereas,

1. The Board is authorized by 42 USC § 7412 (r)(6)(C)(i) to investigate and report to the public in writing the facts, conditions, and circumstances and the cause or probable cause of “any accidental release resulting in a fatality, serious injury or substantial property damages”;
2. The Board has completed its investigation into such an incident that occurred at Sonat Exploration Co., Pitkin, Louisiana, on March 4, 1998; and
3. The Board seeks to communicate its findings to the public in order to promote the prevention of any similar occurrence.

Therefore, pursuant to its authority under 42 U.S.C. § 7412 (r)(6)(C)(i) the Board hereby votes to adopt the attached CSB draft investigation report 1998-002-I-LA, as a final investigation report.

Approval Date: September 21, 2000

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Participating</u>
Paul L. Hill			x
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Andrea Taylor	x		