January 23, 2014

Christopher W. Warner
Designated Agency Ethics Officer
United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
2175 K St. NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Warner:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Board Member, United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests or those of any person whose interests are imputed to me, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

I have been advised that the duties of the position of Board Member may involve particular matters affecting the financial interests of the following entities: Public Service Enterprise Group, Vanguard Natural Resources MLP and Energy Transfer Futures Partners LP MLP. The agency has determined that it is not necessary at this time for me to divest these interests because the likelihood that my duties will involve any such matter is remote. Accordingly, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of any of these entities, unless I first obtain a written waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

I am the managing director and sole proprietor of my consulting firm, which does business as ESP Consulting LLC. Upon confirmation, my firm will cease engaging in any business. During my appointment to the position of Board Member, the firm will remain dormant and will not advertise. I will not perform any services for the firm, except that I will comply with any requirements involving legal filings, taxes and fees that are necessary to maintain the firm while

it is in an inactive status. As Board Member, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of ESP Consulting LLC. In addition, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a former client of mine is a party or represents a party for a period of one year after I last provided service to that client, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

I will continue to participate in BASF Corporation Defined Pension benefit plan, and therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of BASF to provide this contractual benefit, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

I understand that as an appointee I am required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments that I have made in this and any other ethics agreement.

Finally, I have been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with other ethics agreements of Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,

23 January 2014

Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr.