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All about Me

• Not satisfied with black boxes!

• Obtained B.S. Chemistry from UCR
  – Inorganic or Analytical chemistry?

• Obtained a Ph.D. Analytical Chemistry from University of Washington
  – Biochemistry or Petroleum?
  – Chemometrics?

• Hired by Chevron in 2007 as a Research Scientist
  – Upstream, Downstream or Environmental?
  – Lab rat, project manager or consultant?
Current Role

• Environmental
  – Working with industry groups, regulators and community to help interpret environmental data and advocate for the use of better analytical methods.
  – Data Interpretation
    • Source of material
    • Build models to convert spectral data into concentrations

• Downstream
  – Predictive Chemometric Models
    • Crude properties
    • Product blending

Soft Skills Are Required

• Relationships matter
  – Be friendly
  – Smile
  – Be a good listener

• It’s all about working as a team
What soft skills would you like to most improve upon?  
(multiple correct answers possible)

• Communication skills
• Time management
• Problem solving
• Adaptability
• Other (type your response in the chat window)
What is the CSB?

- The CSB is an independent, non-regulatory U.S. Federal agency
  - ~40 professional staff; $11 million annual budget
  - Board members are appointed to 5-year terms by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
- CSB conducts root cause investigations of chemical accidents at fixed industrial facilities.
- The agency does not issue fines or citations.
- Primary policy levers are outreach and safety recommendations.
Types of Incidents That We Investigate

Jurisdiction: Release of hazardous substance into the ambient air from a fixed facility (with consequences)

- Incidents in chemical plants, oil refineries and facilities using chemicals
- Toxic gas releases
- Explosions
- Other fatalities, e.g., confined space, hot work
- Major environmental releases

What Investigators Do

- Gather physical evidence
- Interview people
- Test equipment
- Comb through documentary evidence
- Draft reports with proposed recommendations for Board approval
What Board Members Do

• Provide oversight over agency operations
• Vote on reports and recommendations status changes
• Advocate for open recommendations
• Interface with journalists and elected officials
• Act as public face of the agency with stakeholders

What alternative career paths are of interest to you?

• Government and science policy
• Science journalism and communication
• Chemistry and the law or IP
• Consulting
• Other (type your response in the chat window)
Education/Background

• Bachelors in Chemistry, University of Oklahoma
• PhD in Physical Chemistry, Northwestern University
• NRC Postdoctoral Fellow at National Institute of Standards and Technology
• Brief experience as associate book review editor at Science
• 20 years in government service at DOE, OSTP, NASA
Current Responsibilities

- Leads National Academies activities on chemical science and engineering issues, including
  - Board on Chemical Sciences and Technology (BCST)
  - Chemical Sciences Roundtable (CSR)
- Oversees studies of important national issues in the chemical sciences
- Responsible for raising/managing the funding for the activities and staff

Skills/Traits Required

- Scientific background
- Curiosity
- Big picture thinking
- Communication skills—especially writing
- People skills
Resources

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