

NIST Safety Commission Meeting

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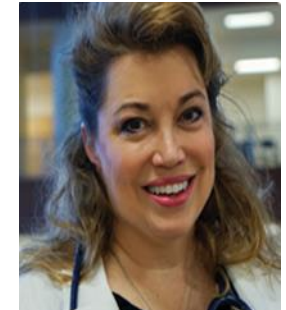
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Charge to the NIST Safety Commission



Charge to the Commission:

Assess the state of NIST's safety culture and how effectively the existing safety protocols and policies have been implemented across NIST.

The Commission will evaluate:

- the quality and completeness of NIST safety directives and programs,
- the performance of safety protocols and the responses to recent incidents and near misses, and
- the impacts of the pandemic and hybrid work environment on safety.

The Commission should consider:

- perspectives of NIST staff and management,
- NIST's responses to significant safety-related incidents and near-misses,
- findings from investigations and reviews of incidents, and
- implementation of corrective actions to prevent future incidents and improve safety performance, as well as actions taken to strengthen safety culture at NIST facilities.

- **Hazard Reviews and Risk Assessment**
- **Incident Investigations, Corrective Actions, and Follow Up**
- **Safety and Culture**

Charge to the Review Subcommittee:

Conduct an independent review of the draft NIST investigation report on the death of an experienced NIST staff member in September 2022, in a fall from an elevated height when part of a research structure collapsed.

The Subcommittee will assess:

- the quality and thoroughness of the incident investigation,
- the quality and thoroughness of the analysis of root causes and causal factors, and
- the applicability and robustness of the planned corrective actions.

The Subcommittee's written report of this independent review — and any recommendations for additional corrective and preventive actions for inclusion in the Commission's final report — will be:

- discussed at the Commission's third public meeting, and
- included as a standalone appendix in the Commission's final report.

Review Subcommittee



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