

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)  
156th Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

## **Summary Proceedings**

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting convened via teleconference at 11:12 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), Dr. Henry A. Anderson, Chair, presiding.

## **Attendees**

### **Members**

Henry A. Anderson, Chair  
Josie Beach, Member  
Bradley P. Clawson, Member  
Arthur Frank, Member  
David Kotelchuck, Member  
James E. Lockey, Member  
Nicole Martinez, Member  
Gen Roessler, Member  
Loretta Valerio, Member  
Paul L. Ziemer, Member

### **Non-Members, Registered and/or Public Comment Participants**

Rashaun Roberts, DFO  
Nancy Adams, NIOSH Contractor  
Bob Barton, SC&A  
Kathy Behling, SC&A  
Ron Buchanan, SC&A  
Grady Calhoun, DCAS  
Denise DeGarmo, Petitioner representative  
Joseph Fitzgerald, SC&A  
Rose Gogliotti, SC&A  
William Lorenzen, Member of the public  
Chuck Nelson, DCAS

Steve Ostrow, SC&A  
Michael Rafkey, HHS  
LaVon Rutherford, DCAS  
Tim Taulbee, DCAS

## **Roll Call/Welcome - Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO**

Dr. Rashaun Roberts called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health at 11:12 am EST on February 14, 2024, via teleconference. A roll call of all ABRWH members confirmed that a quorum was present. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting. Dr. Roberts turned the meeting over to Dr. Anderson, Board Chair, who moved on to the first agenda item.

## **Update on Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative – Grady Calhoun, DCAS**

Mr. Calhoun reported that the DCAS Deputy Director Dave Sundin had retired, and LaVon Rutherford has been selected to replace him. With respect to Cybersecurity Modernization, he reported that a Site Research Database is now available on the ORAU side. Users must use their government computers, and be added to the license, but once that has been done, they will have easy access. Rose Gogliotti will coordinate appointments to establish access. By the end of March, the Board Tracking System should be available in the same manner, then the SEC Viewer and finally NOCTS will follow. Scheduled availability dates for those two applications have not been established. Mr. Calhoun further reported that DCAS is looking for cost savings where it can. The program has had flat funding for roughly 20 years, and since things have gotten more expensive, the program can afford considerably less than in years past.

## **Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition Status Update – Chuck Nelson, DCAS**

Mr. Nelson reported that DCAS will not present any new SEC Petition Evaluation Reports at the April Board meeting. DCAS received an SEC Petition for the University of Missouri Research Reactor, which is not a covered facility. DCAS has forwarded the information in the petition to DOE and DOL to determine if it should be covered. Mr. Nelson updated the Board on a similar petition, Petition SEC-261, which is for a B-52 crash site and associated cleanup of radioactive material near an Air Force base in Greenland. DOE and DOL have determined that that site should not be covered under EEOICPA. DCAS is still working with the petitioner for Petition SEC-263 for the Weldon Spring remediation period to resolve deficiencies during the qualification process. Work Group chairs will report activity on petitions that are with the Board, if a report is warranted.

## **Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees**

Selected Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs reported progress and plans for their respective groups. Josie Beach, chair of the Metals & Controls Work Group, reminded Board members that information describing the Work Group's discussions were distributed on February 9. The Work Group intends to bring a recommendation to add a class to the April full Board meeting. Brad Clawson, chair of the Hanford, Savannah River and Pinellas Work Groups reported recent progress from those groups. Dr.

Anderson reminded members that Dr. Roberts had recently distributed updated membership lists for Subcommittees and Work Groups

### **Plans for the April 2024 Board Meeting – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO**

The April meeting will be a virtual one. It is scheduled for April 17 and 18, but it may become a one-day meeting. The agenda will include the usual program updates, reports from the Procedures Review Subcommittee, the Dose Reconstruction Review Methods Work Group, the TBD-6000 Work Group, and a discussion and expected vote on an SEC class at Metals & Controls. There will also be a Board working session and a public comment period.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Following a motion, Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:49 am.