

Centers for Disease Control National Institute for Occupational Safety
and Health
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
140th Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Summary Proceedings

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting convened via teleconference at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Dr. Henry Anderson, Chair, presiding.

Attendees

Members

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Official
Henry A. Anderson, Chair
Josie Beach, Member
Bradley P. Clawson, Member
R. William Field, Member
David Kotelchuck, Member
James E. Lockey, Member
Genevieve S. Roessler, Member
Phillip Schofield, Member
Loretta R. Valerio, Member
Paul L. Ziemer, Member

Non-Members, Registered and/or Public Comment Participants:

Barrie, Terrie, ANWAG
Barton, Bob, SC&A
Behling, Kathy, SC&A
Buchanan, Ron, SC&A
Fitzgerald, Joe, SC&A
Hughes, Lara, DCAS
Naylor, Jenny, HHS OGC
Nelson, Chuck, DCAS
Rutherford, Lavon, DCAS
Taulbee, Tim, DCAS

Roll Call/Welcome - Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Rashaun Roberts called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health at 10:30 am EDT on June 23, 2021 via teleconference. A roll call of all ABRWH members confirmed that a quorum was present. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting. No conflicts of interest (COIs) were declared. Dr. Roberts turned the meeting over to Dr. Anderson.

Dr. Anderson announced that the recruitment period for potential new Board members had closed. NIOSH is moving forward with reviewing candidates and forwarding a slate of potential new members. Jenny Naylor, HHS OGC, announced that she was leaving HHS and expressed appreciation for her years working with the EEOICPA Program. Dr. Anderson thanked Ms. Naylor for her years of service to the program, and the Board passed a motion paying tribute to her and thanking her for everything she has done for the Board.

Update on Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative – Lavon Rutherford, DCAS

Mr. Rutherford reported that the modernization has progressed since the last report. DCAS has been able to load all the cases received from DOL into the new environment so ORAU Team can work on them. All final dose reconstruction reports have been sent to DOL. Terminal expedite claims have been processed throughout the modernization shutdown. Draft dose reconstruction completion has accelerated; 157 draft dose reconstruction reports have been completed since the start of the modernization shutdown. NIOSH has established areas in the new IT processing environment where DCAS can place documents and the Board and SC&A can access them. A document search engine similar to the Site Research Database is in development. As of now there is not a tentative date for completion.

Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition Status Update – Lavon Rutherford, DCAS

Mr. Rutherford reported that DCAS expected to present the Evaluation Report for SEC Petition 256, Pinellas Plant, at the December Board meeting. The report has been completed and is in final ADC review at DOE. The report should be sent to the petitioner and Board members next week.

Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees - WG/SC Chairs

Subcommittee and Work Group chairs reported on progress, planned activities, and upcoming meetings. Dr. Anderson noted that the Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative has hampered progress for Work Groups. Now that some processes are in place for

viewing relevant documents, Work Group chairs should determine what progress can be made.

Plans for the April 2021 Board Meeting - All Members

Dr. Roberts led a discussion with ABRWH members regarding agenda items to be included on the December 2021 Board meeting. Dr. Anderson mentioned that the expected appointment of new Board members might prompt existing members to retire from the Board. He urged any members considering that to delay retiring at least for a while so that they could share their experience with the new members. Dr. Ziemer commented that is not too early to start planning initial orientation sessions for new Board members.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:12 am.