

Centers for Disease Control
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
150th Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Summary Proceedings

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting convened via teleconference at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Dr. Henry A. Anderson, Chair, presiding.

Attendees

Members

Henry A. Anderson, Chair
Josie Beach, Member
Victoria Cassano, Member
Bradley P. Clawson, Member
Arthur Frank, Member
David Kotelchuck, Member
James E. Lockey, Member
Nicole Martinez, Member
David Pompa, Member
Genevieve S. Roessler, Member
Loretta R. Valerio, Member
Paul L. Ziemer, Member

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

Roberts, Rashaun, DFO
Adams, Nancy, NIOSH contractor
Barton, Bob, SC&A
Behling, Kathy, SC&A
Calhoun, Grady, DCAS
Crawford, Chris DOL
Gogliotti, Rose SC&A
Habighurst, Ashton, HHS
Mangel (ph), Amy SC&A
Nelson, Chuck, DCAS
Ostrow, Steve, SC&A
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 11:00 am EST on March 9, 2023, 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 NIOSH's ODIT organization has created a secure space within the virtual volume where SC&A can store documents securely. DCAS staff does not have access to that space. SC&A staff reported that, once a staff member has access to the secure space, moving documents to that space was a simple "drag and drop" process.

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

Mr. Nelson reported that DCAS will not present any new SEC Petition Evaluation Reports presented at the April Board meeting. He noted that the Savannah River Site (SRS) Work Group will meet later in March, and that plans are being made for a site visit to Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). DCAS will inform LANL Work Group members and SC&A when that visit is set, in case anyone wants to attend.

Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees

Dr. Roberts commented that she had provided an updated roster of Subcommittee and Work Group membership rosters to Board members. Those rosters include the assignments of new members. Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs reported progress and plans for their respective groups. There was a discussion about Board members who are not members of a Subcommittee or Work Group attending a meeting of that group, provided they only listen. This might be helpful for new members who are learning how the Board works. However, there might be a need, especially with Subcommittee meetings, to ensure that a majority of the Board, a quorum, is not present. Otherwise it could be considered an unannounced meeting of the Board. Ashton Habighurst from OGC will research this issue. Board members will make it a practice to notify Dr. Roberts if they intend to listen to a Subcommittee or Work Group meeting as a nonmember of the group. Board members who are conflicted at a site must not listen in the that site's Work Group meetings because they are required to recuse themselves from discussions concerning the site of their conflict.

Plans for the April 2023 Board Meeting – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

The April Board meeting will be virtual, via Zoom. There will be sessions on Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20, starting at 1:00 eastern time each day. The agenda will include the usual updates, presentation of completed reviews by the Subcommittee for Procedure Reviews, a public comment session, an update on the Savannah River Site, and perhaps an update on the Pinellas SEC Evaluation Report review.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:29 pm.