

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
Meeting 154
Thursday, October 12, 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
Bradley P. Clawson, Member
Arthur Frank, Member
James E. Lockey, Member
Nicole Martinez, Member
David Pompa, Member
Paul L. Ziemer, Member

Non-Members, Registered and/or Public Comment Participants

Roberts, Rashaun, DFO
Nancy Adams, NIOSH Contractor
Barton, Bob, SC&A
Behling, Kathy SC&A
Buchanan, Ron, SC&A
Gogliotti, Rose, SC&A
Habighurst, Ashton, HHS
Mangel, Amy, SC&A
Nelson, Chuck, NIOSH/DCAS
Ostrow, Steve, SC&A
Rafkey, Michael, HHS
Rutherford, LaVon, NIOSH/DCAS
Sundin, Dave, NIOSH/DCAS
Frowiss, Al Sr., member of the public

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 EDT on October 12, 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 – LaVon Rutherford, DCAS

Mr. Rutherford reported that the status of the modernization is much the same as it was at the August meeting. Dose reconstructions are being completed as they are received. Progress continues on an application to replace the Site Research Database, but a completion date is not known.

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 December Board meeting. DCAS is determining if the SEC petition for Weldon Spring, which he mentioned at the August Board meeting, is qualified for evaluation. The Pinellas Work Group will meet to discuss that site's petition on November 20, and the Metals & Controls Work Group will meet to discuss that site's petition on December 6.

Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees

Selected Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs reported progress and plans for their respective groups. Pinellas Work Group will meet on November 20. Procedures Review Subcommittee will meet on November 16. Metals & Controls Work Group will meet on December 6. Dr. Anderson and members thanked Rose Gogliotti for the training she provided on the dose reconstruction review process.

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

The December meeting will be a one-day meeting on December 7. Although the Board originally planned for it to be an in-person meeting in the vicinity of Lawrence Livermore, they decided to hold a virtual meeting instead. The reasons for this are: several Board members are unable to travel at that time and would have to attend virtually anyway; there are not many items on the projected agenda; and past program activities in the vicinity of Lawrence Livermore have not been well attended. The agenda for the December meeting will include the usual Departmental program updates and SEC status update, as well as updates from the Pinellas Work Group, the Subcommittee for Procedures Reviews, The Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews, and perhaps from the Metals & Controls Work Group. Additionally, annual ethics training will be provided to the Board before the December meeting, perhaps in a session on December 5, or 6, after the Metals & Controls Work Group meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:41 am.