

Centers for Disease Control
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
146th Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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
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

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

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Official
Nancy Adams, NIOSH Contractor
Bob Barton, SC&A
Kathy Behling, SC&A
Finn Black, SC&A
Nicole Briggs, SC&A
Ron Buchanan, SC&A
Grady Calhoun, DCAS
Chris Crawford, DOL
Joe Fitzgerald, SC&A
Al Frowiss
Regina Kelleher, DOE
Steve Ostrow, SC&A
Michael Rafky, 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 11:00 am EDT on June 15, 2022, 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.

Update on Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative – Grady Calhoun, DCAS

Mr. Calhoun reported that DCAS is working with NIOSH's IT organization to document how their automated processes worked. Once that is complete NIOSH IT will be able to build applications to perform those functions in a secure environment. The intention is to have one system that all users can access. Previously, NIOSH and its subcontractor ORAU Team had separate systems that communicated with each other. Despite the fact that automated systems have not yet been restored, DCAS has continued to complete dose reconstructions at the same rate claims are received. They are meeting timeliness goals and are completing expedited cases as quickly as ever.

Plans for the August 2022 Board Meeting – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Roberts discussed expected agenda items for the Board's August meeting. The expected agenda includes routine items such as DCAS, DOE, and DOL program updates, the SEC update, and a public comment period, but only a few non-routine items. The non-routine items are a Procedures Subcommittee presentation on completed document reviews, DCAS's presentation of RPRT-89 for Argonne National Lab – West, and the Sandia Lab Working Group recommendation concerning an SEC petition for that site. Given the brevity of the agenda, Dr. Roberts observed that the Board's business could be easily completed in one day.

At its April meeting the Board had planned for the August meeting to be in person at Idaho Falls. However, Dr. Roberts reported that a number of Board members had already informed her that they would not be able to attend the August meeting in person. Additionally, NIOSH's search for a suitable meeting hotel resulted only in options that were above government per diem rates. Given these facts, and the fact that the meeting would only be one day long, she wondered if the Board should meet remotely in August, rather than in person. Dr. Roberts also noted that there had been some movement in CDC about identifying additional Board members, but they would likely not be onboard and oriented by August. There is hope that could be done by the December meeting.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed to meet remotely via Zoom on August 17 and 18. The meeting will be roughly half a day on each of those dates. In December the Board plans to meet in person near the former Pinellas Plant in Florida.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:29 am.