

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
162nd Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2025

Summary Proceedings

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting convened via teleconference at 2:00 p.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
James E. Lockey, Member
Nicole Martinez, Member
David Pompa, Member
Loretta Valerio, Member
Paul Ziemer, Member

Non-Members, Registered and/or Public Comment Participants

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Official (DFO)
Nancy Adams, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Contractor
Bob Barton, Sanford Cohen & Associates, Inc. (SC&A)
Kathy Behling, SC&A
Ron Buchanan, SC&A
Jessica Clemens (phonetic), Member of public
Denise DeGarmo, Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petitioner Representative
Malia Holzberger, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Lori Marion-Moss, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS)
Chuck Nelson, DCAS
Steve Ostrow, SC&A
LaVon Rutherford, DCAS
Michael Smoltz (phonetic), Member of public
Brant Ulsh, DCAS

Roll Call/Welcome - Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Rashaun Roberts called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health at 2:00 pm EST on December 18, 2025, via teleconference. A roll call of all ABRWH members confirmed that a quorum was present. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting. Dr. Roberts reported that appointment issues with Dr. Anderson and Mr. Clawson had been resolved, and they were fully able to participate. She turned the meeting over to Dr. Anderson, Board Chair. He introduced Lori Marion-Moss as the DCAS Director, having been appointed since the last Board meeting. Board members know Ms. Marion-Moss from her previous work for DCAS.

DCAS Update – Lori Marion-Moss, DCAS

Ms. Marion-Moss reported that DCAS's data is no longer housed in the NIOSH Edge Computing Platform (ECP) environment but rather is located in Oak Ridge Associated Universities' (ORAU) cloud environment. Board members can access DCAS's data through the Cyber Ark application. The Board Review System (BRS), the Site Research Data Base (SRDB), and the NIOSH OCAS Claims Tracking System (NOCTS) are all now available, and DCAS is working on making the Program Evaluation Report (PER) database available. They have also located user folders in ECP and have transferred those to the ORAU cloud. Board members who stored work in user files will once again be able to access that work. DCAS presentations for Board meetings are now subject to additional levels of review and approval before they can be posted to the website, adding to the time required to prepare for Board, Subcommittee and Work Group meetings. Still, DCAS intends to make presentations available to the Board two weeks prior to meetings. There has been a fair amount of staff turnover in DCAS, so Ms. Marion-Moss will send Board members the names and contact information for the lead health physicists assigned to the covered facilities that are the subject of Board Work Groups.

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

Mr. Nelson reported that DCAS does not have any new SEC Evaluation Reports to present to the Board at this time. One new SEC petition has been received since the Board's last meeting – SEC-0267 for the United Nuclear Hematite site. That petition has qualified for evaluation, and the research needed to complete the Evaluation Report is now underway.

Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees

Dr. Ziemer, Work Group Chair, reported that the Argonne National Laboratory-East/Idaho National Laboratory Work Group met yesterday December 17, 2025. They mainly discussed work that had been presented previously about the suitability of applying DCAS's internal dosimetry dose reconstruction approach for reactor sites to the reactors at INL. The Work Group will make a full report to the Board at its next full meeting.

Ms. Beach, Work Group Chair, reported that the Los Alamos National Laboratory Work Group met earlier this month, December 3, 2025. That meeting was also largely a status update meeting. They tentatively selected April 24, 2026, as the date for their next meeting.

Other tentative future meeting dates are January 29, 2026, for the Pinellas Work Group, February 12, 2026, for the Savanna River Site Work Group, and January 28, 2026, for the Procedures Review Subcommittee. These dates are all tentative as meetings need to be approved by HHS.

Plans for Future Board Meetings – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Roberts worked with Board members to identify tentative dates for Board meetings in 2026. They selected February 19, June 18, and October 8 as dates for administrative teleconferences, April 29 and 30, and December 2 and 3 as dates for two-day Teams virtual meetings, and August 26 and 27 as the date for an in-person meeting. They plan to hold the in-person meeting in the vicinity of the former Pinellas Plant, near Tampa, Florida. These meetings are also subject to HHS approval.

Meeting Adjourned

Following a motion, Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm.