

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
163rd Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Summary Proceedings

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

Attendees

Members

Henry A. Anderson, Chair
Josie Beach, Member
Frazier Bronson, Member
Bradley P. Clawson, Member
Arthur Frank, Member
James E. Lockey, Member
David Pompa, Member
Nicole Martinez, Member
Michael Schmoldt, Member
Kenneth Silver, Member
Loretta Valerio, Member
Faye Vlieger, Member
Paul Ziemer, Member

Non-Members, Registered and/or Public Comment Participants

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Official (DFO)
Bob Barton, SC&A
Kathy Behling, SC&A
Ron Buchanan, SC&A
Denise DeGarmo, Public
Justin Goodman, Public
Donna Hand, Public
Maliah Holsburger, Department of Health and Human Service

Lara Hughes, NIOSH
Amy Mangel, SC&A
Lori Marion-Moss, NIOSH
Chuck Nelson, NIOSH
Steve Ostrow, SC&A
Brant Ullsh, NIOSH

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 February 19, 2026, via teleconference. Dr. Roberts announced that four new members have joined the Board, but some additional processing is required, so they can only listen today. They are included on the roll call. Roll call of 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 thanked the new members for their patience and perseverance during the onboarding process. He then moved on to the first agenda item.

Board Update – Dr. Rashaun Roberts

Dr. Roberts is working with the new members to acquire their smart cards and government laptops. She is also working with them on conflict of interest/appearance of bias determinations. Once that work is complete, she and Dr. Anderson will start assigning them to work groups and committees. She is confident they will be able to participate fully in meetings soon.

Program Update – Lori Marion-Moss, NIOSH, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS)

Ms. Marion-Moss reported that four IT contractors who have been with the program for years recently left the project because their contract was not renewed. Additionally, DCAS's in-house staffing has reduced from 30 to 24 in the past year due to retirements and resignations. These staff reductions make it more difficult to accomplish the program's work. She also noted that most of the applications that were suspended during the Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative are now running in the Oak Ridge Associated Universities Team (ORAUT) environment. The contract with ORAUT was scheduled to end in March of this year, but due to a shortage of procurement personnel, a request for proposals was not generated in a timely fashion. Consequently, the contract is being extended for six months to allow for competing and awarding a new contract. Finally, she announced that DCAS intends to attend worker outreach meetings with the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Energy (DOE) at Aiken, South Carolina, for the Savannah River Site (SRS) in April, at Las Vegas, Nevada for Nevada Test Site (NTS) in May, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, (TN) for the Oak Ridge facilities in June, and at in New Mexico for Las Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in August. In response to questions, she said that the hiring freeze seems to be ending and she is working with Human Resources on hiring plans for DCAS.

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

Mr. Nelson announced that Dr. Lara Hughes was on a 120-day detail as SEC team lead, so she would give the report. SEC-236 for the Weldon Spring Plant was

determined by DCAS not to qualify for evaluation. The petitioner has asked for an administrative review of that decision, and that process is underway. In order to perform an administrative review of a failure to qualify, the NIOSH Director appoints three scientists who are not associated with EEOICPA to review the materials to determine if the non-qualification decision was correct. That process should be completed in March. SEC-267 for the United Nuclear Corporation at Hematite, MO was qualified for evaluation in late 2025. DCAS is conducting evaluation research now and has sent some of the new information to DOE and asked if the residual period for this site should be extended.

Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees

Selected Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs reported progress and plans for their respective groups. The Subcommittee for Procedures Review and the Argonne West Work Group will likely have reports at the next Board meeting.

Plans for the April 2026 Board Meeting – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

The April meeting will be a virtual one. It is scheduled for April 29 and 30, but it may become a one-day meeting if there is only material for one day. In addition to the reports from the Subcommittee for Procedures Review and the Argonne West Work Group, the agenda will include the usual program updates, and some work groups will likely give brief updates during Board working sessions. The Board also decided it would be beneficial to new members to have the DCAS and SC&A presentations from the recent SEC Issues Work Group meeting, or similar presentations, presented to the April Board meeting. Bob Barton, SC&A and Brant Ulsh, DCAS will coordinate so the presentation don't repeat the same material.

Meeting Adjourned

Following a motion, Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.