

A Tribute to David Kotelchuck, Ph.D.

Members of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) wish to pay tribute to Dr. David Kotelchuck, appointed to the Board by President Obama in 2012.

David Kotelchuck, Professor Emeritus at Hunter College, directed Hunter College's graduate program in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in physics from Johns Hopkins University, his Doctorate in high-energy physics from Cornell University, and his Master of Public Health in occupational health and safety from the Harvard School of Public Health. As a career industrial hygienist, his interest and experience span radiation safety, noise control, hazardous waste worker and emergency responder training and occupational epidemiology.

In 1984, he founded the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at Hunter College. Dr. Kotelchuck was the Director of the Industrial Hygiene Program and then Deputy Director of the NY/NJ Education and Research Center. He is a founder and served on the Board of Directors of the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health for over two decades, where he had an opportunity to work on the health and safety problems that faced workers in many different industries. In 2008 he received the Alice Hamilton Award from the Occupational Health and Safety Section of the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Kotelchuck's lifelong career in support of worker health and safety brought a wealth of practical experience to the Board and its mission during his 12 years of service. The Board members offer him our thanks for all the work he has done on our behalf.

We wish him and his family our best wishes in the next phase of his life.

This tribute is hereby adopted this 7th day of August 2024, at the 159th meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health by teleconference.