

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

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Summary Proceedings

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

Attendees

Members

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Official
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 Valerio, Member
Paul L. Ziemer, Member

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

Adams, Nancy, NIOSH Contractor
Barrie, Terrie, ANWAG
Barton, Bob, SC&A
Behling, Kathleen, SC&A
Black, Finn, SC&A
Buchanan, Ron, SC&A
Burgos, Zaida, NIOSH
Calhoun, Grady, DCAS
Fitzgerald, Joe, SC&A
Gogliotti, Rose, SC&A
McGolerick, Robert, HHS OGC
Nelson, Chuck, ORAU Team
Rafky, Michael, HHS OGC
Rutherford, LaVon, DCAS
Taulbee, Tim, 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 EST on February 16, 2022, via teleconference. A roll call of all ABRWH members confirmed that a quorum was present. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting. No conflicts of interest (COIs) were declared. Dr. Roberts turned the meeting over to Dr. Anderson. DCAS changed the order of agenda topics because Chuck Nelson had a near-term time conflict.

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

Mr. Nelson reported that DCAS does not expect to present any Evaluation Reports at the April Board meeting. Additionally, there are no SEC petitions currently undergoing evaluation. DCAS continues to work on SEC Petitions that are with the Board for consideration.

Update on Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative – Grady Calhoun, DCAS

Mr. Calhoun reported that DCAS and the ORAU team continue to work dose reconstruction cases. The methods for performing dose reconstructions are more cumbersome than they were before the Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative shutdown. For several years, DCAS has had a goal of completing dose reconstructions within 5 months of receiving all the information needed. At the start of the shutdown, the number of cases that weren't completed within 5 months began to rise. However, starting in October, after dose reconstruction methods became available, the number of cases that required more than 5 months to complete has been declining. At present, DCAS and ORAU are once again completing almost all cases within 5 months.

Since the Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative made the Site Research Database (SRDB) unavailable, DCAS is now placing documents relevant to site research in a secure storage area. Documents are placed in that area when requested by the Board, Subcommittees, Work Groups, or SC&A. DCAS provides access to the secure storage area to Board Members and SC&A staff as requested.

The effort to develop replacement applications for systems like SRDB and NOCTS is proceeding. NIOSH's Office of the Director Information Technology (ODIT) group is documenting system requirements through discussions with users. After requirements are finalized, NIOSH will decide whether an off-the-shelf application will meet the requirements, or if custom applications will have to be written.

The chairs of the Procedures Review Subcommittee and Dose Reconstruction Review Subcommittee commented that the current system of placing required documents in a specified storage location was working well for their subcommittees. They complimented Kathy Behling and Rose Gogliotti, SC&A, and Lori Marion-Moss, DCAS, on providing the required documents and training Board members on use of the secure storage.

Updates from Work Groups and Subcommittees - WG/SC Chairs

Rose Gogliotti, SC&A asked if it she should continue to offer training on accessing documents in the new environment before Subcommittee and Work Group meetings. Members felt it would be helpful for a while. Subcommittee and Work Group chairs reported on progress, planned activities, and upcoming meetings. Josie Beach, chair of the Subcommittee for Procedures Review advised Board members that she would be presenting information on seven documents for which reviews have been completed by the Subcommittee

at the April Board meeting. The intention of the Subcommittee is to continue to report their progress to the Board in future meetings.

Plans for the April 2022 Board Meeting - All Members

Dr. Roberts announced that the Board's annual ethics training would occur at the start of one of the days of the April Board meeting. She then led a discussion with ABRWH members regarding other items to be included on the April 2022 Board meeting agenda.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.