Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
168th Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2026

Summary Proceedings

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting convened by teleconference at 11:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), with Henry A. Anderson presiding.

Attendees

Members

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

Non-Members

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
Nancy Adams, NIOSH Contractor
Kathy Behling, SC&A
Rob Buchanan, SC&A
Denise DeGarmo, Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petitioner
Rose Gogliotti, SC&A
Malia Holzberger, Health and Human Services (HHS)
Lori Marion-Moss, NIOSH
Charles Nelson, NIOSH

Steve Ostrow, SC&A
Brant Ulsh, NIOSH

Roll Call/Welcome – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Rashaun Roberts called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting at 11:01 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) on October 8, 2026, via teleconference. A roll call of all Board members confirmed that a quorum was present. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting. Board members, federal staff, and contractors disclosed conflicts of interest during roll call. The DFO then turned the meeting over to Dr. Anderson. Dr. Anderson briefly described his work with the DFO to update the Board's Work Group (WG) membership and the appointments of WG Chairs. He then introduced Lori Marion-Moss, from the Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) to provide the NIOSH Update. There is an Outreach Virtual webinar on October 28, 2026.

NIOSH Program Updates: Lori Marion-Moss, NIOSH

Key Points:

Lori Marion-Moss gave an update of pertinent activities that have happened in DCAS and responded to Board members' questions. The updates included staffing shortage and work on recruitment with Human Resources; the status of the Information Technology (IT) operations in the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) environment, and IT modernization process; information about the status of the dose reconstructions (DRs), the ORAU contract review, and work on the DR backlog; and work on an electronic public interface. Reminder for users to log into CyberArk on a monthly basis to prevent their license from expiring.

Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition Status Update – Charles Nelson, NIOSH

Key Points:

Mr. Nelson reported that two new SEC Petitions were received, numbers 270 and 271, Weldon Spring and Y-12. DCAS will present on United Nuclear at the upcoming December 2026 Board meeting.

Work Group (WG) and Subcommittee Updates

Key Points:

Josie Beach gave an update from the Procedure Reviews Subcommittee that will meet on October 28, 2026. They expect to have more recommendations for closures which will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Bradley Clawson gave an update on Pinellas and an expected SC&A report. He also provided a Hanford update and the expectation of the delivery of a NIOSH report.

Dr. Martinez provided an update on the Carborundum WG that will meet in January 2027.

Plans for Full Board December Meeting – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Roberts reminded Board members of the upcoming face-to-face full board meeting scheduled for December 2026. Dr. Roberts went through items to develop a draft agenda for that board meeting, including the time needed for each scheduled presentation.

Dr. Anderson commented about the concern expressed by claimants about the timeliness of dose reconstructions and the dose reconstruction and SEC Process. To address the public concern, he suggested the addition of a brief presentation on this topic during the meeting. Both NIOSH and SC&A will include this information in their presentations rather than a separate presentation.

Meeting Adjourned

Following a motion, Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.