

**United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

J.R., Appellant

and

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, WATTSBURG POST
OFFICE, Wattsburg, PA, Employer**

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**Docket No. 20-1540
Issued: December 17, 2020**

Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

CHRISTOPHER J. GODFREY, Deputy Chief Judge
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On August 17, 2020 appellant filed an appeal from a February 12, 2020 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 20-1540.

The Board has duly considered the matter and notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ For final adverse decisions of OWCP issued on or after November 19, 2008, the Board's review authority is limited to appeals which are filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of OWCP's decision.²

The 180th day following the February 12, 2020 decision was August 10, 2020. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until August 17, 2020, more than 180 days after the February 12, 2020 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 20-1540 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not offered

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 8149; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a) (2009).

² *Id.* at § 501.3(e).

a reason to explain the failure to timely file an appeal with supporting documentation sufficient to establish compelling circumstances.

The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance."³

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 20-1540 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

Christopher J. Godfrey, Deputy Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge
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³ *Id.* at § 501.6(d).