

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

N.I., Appellant	)	
	)	
and	)	<b>Docket No. 25-0115</b>
	)	<b>Issued: December 19, 2024</b>
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CARDISS COLLINS	)	
POST OFFICE, Chicago, IL, Employer	)	
	)	

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

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before:  
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge  
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge  
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On November 14, 2024 appellant filed an appeal from a March 28, 2024 merit decision and a May 7, 2024 nonmerit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 25-0115.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

The 180<sup>th</sup> day following the March 28, 2024 merit decision and May 7, 2024 nonmerit decision was September 24, 2024 and November 3, 2024, respectively. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until November 14, 2024, more than 180 days after both the March 28 and May 7, 2024 OWCP decisions, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0115 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not explained

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 8101 *et seq.*; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

<sup>2</sup> 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(e) provides in pertinent part: "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of the OWCP."

the failure to timely file an appeal with supporting documentation sufficient to establish compelling circumstances. Because there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the filing of the instant appeal, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0115 must be dismissed.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the appeal docketed as No. 25-0115 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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<sup>3</sup> The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." 20 C.F.R. § 501.6(d).