

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

<b>R.K., Appellant</b>	)	
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<b>and</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 24-0186</b>
	)	<b>Issued: February 21, 2024</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,</b>	)	
<b>PITTSBURGH VA MEDICAL CENTER-</b>	)	
<b>UNIVERSITY DRIVE, Pittsburgh, PA, Employer</b>	)	
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*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  
 JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On December 6, 2023 appellant sought an appeal from a purported November 24, 2023 decision of the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0186.

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act.<sup>1</sup> This jurisdiction encompasses any final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed her appeal.<sup>2</sup> The case record as transmitted to the Board does not contain a November 24, 2023 final adverse decision of OWCP or any final adverse OWCP decision issued within 180 days from the date of docketing of the current appeal over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction. As there is no final adverse decision by OWCP over which the

<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.”

Board may properly exercise jurisdiction, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as Docket No. 24-0186 must be dismissed.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the appeal docketed as Docket No. 24-0186 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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

Janice B. Askin, Judge  
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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." *Id.* at § 501.6(d).