United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

A.D., Appellant)))	Docket No. 25-0479
and)	Issued: May 19, 2025
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, Bethesda, MD, Employer)))	
Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director	Ca	se 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 March 12, 2025 appellant filed an appeal from a purported April 23, 2023 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 25-0479.

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 (FECA). This jurisdiction encompasses any final decision issued by OWCP within 180 days from the date appellant filed her appeal. As of the filing of the current appeal, the most recent OWCP decision was dated December 9, 2021. However, appellant previously appealed that decision to the Board. By a September 6, 2022 decision in Docket No. 22-0319, the Board affirmed OWCP's December 9, 2021 decision, together with a July 8, 2021 decision.

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

² 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."

³ Docket No. 22-0319 (issued September 6, 2022).

As there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the filing of this appeal over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction,⁴ the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0479 must be dismissed.⁵ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 25-0479 is dismissed.

Issued: May 19, 2025 Washington, DC

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

Janice B. Askin, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

⁴ Supra note 2.

⁵ 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).