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

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and	) Docket No. 25-04	-
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, JACKSONVILLE POST OFFICE, Jacksonville, FL, Employer	) Issued: May 15, 2	2025
Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director	_ )  Case Submitted on the Red	cord

## ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On April 20, 2025 appellant filed an appeal from a September 17, 2024 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 25-0489.

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). 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 September 17, 2024 decision was March 16, 2025. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until April 20, 2025, more than 180 days after the September 17, 2024 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0489 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not explained the failure to timely file an appeal with supporting documentation sufficient to establish

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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."

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. 25-0489 must be dismissed.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 25-0489 is dismissed.

Issued: May 15, 2025 Washington, DC

> Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Janice B. Askin, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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).