

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

and is, therefore, not subject to appeal.³ While OWCP issued a development letter on April 13, 2026 regarding the type of evidence needed to establish consequential left shoulder conditions, it is purely informational in nature and thus does not constitute a final adverse decision from which appellant may properly appeal.⁴

As there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction,⁵ the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 26-0492 must be dismissed.⁶ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 26-0492 is dismissed.

Issued: August 11, 2026
Washington, DC

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

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

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

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.3. *See also Order Dismissing Appeal, C.H.*, Docket No. 22-0834 (issued August 24, 2022) (where the Board held that a decision expanding acceptance of the conditions in the claim was not adverse).

⁴ *See Order Dismissing Appeal, K.H.*, Docket No. 25-0455 (issued January 12, 2026); *Order Dismissing Appeal, M.M.*, Docket No. 25-0665 (issued July 17, 2025); *Order Dismissing Appeal, J.G.*, Docket No. 22-0657 (issued April 19, 2023); *Order Dismissing Appeal, K.S.*, Docket No. 20-1401 (issued March 17, 2021); *Order Dismissing Appeal, S.U.*, Docket No. 20-0636 (issued December 3, 2020) (correspondence that is purely informational in nature does not constitute a final adverse decision of OWCP from which appellant may properly appeal).

⁵ *Supra* notes 3 and 4.

⁶ 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).