

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

P.H., Appellant	)	
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and	)	Docket No. 26-0241
	)	Issued: February 25, 2026
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE,	)	
Forest Park, IL, Employer	)	
	)	

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

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before:  
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge  
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge  
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge

On January 13, 2026 appellant filed an appeal from an October 8, 2024 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 26-0241.

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> For final adverse decisions of OWCP issued on or after November 19, 2008, the Board's review authority is limited to appeals which were filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of OWCP's decision.<sup>2</sup>

The 180th day following the October 8, 2024 decision was April 6, 2025. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until January 13, 2026, more than 180 days after the October 8,

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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."

2024 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 26-0241 is untimely filed.<sup>3</sup> 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 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. 26-0241 must be dismissed.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the appeal docketed as No. 26-0241 is dismissed.

Issued: February 25, 2026  
Washington, DC

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

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge  
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Janice B. Askin, Judge  
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<sup>3</sup> 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(f) indicates that a notice of appeal is considered to have been filed only if received by the Clerk of the Appellate Boards.

<sup>4</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).