

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

K.H., Appellant

and

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, KNOXVILLE MAIN
POST OFFICE, Knoxville, TN, Employer**

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) **Docket No. 25-0455**
) **Issued: January 12, 2026**
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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 April 2, 2025, appellant sought an appeal from a purported March 31, 2025 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 25-0455.

The Board, having duly considered this matter, notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ This jurisdiction encompasses any final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed the appeal.² The case record as transmitted to the Board does not contain a final adverse decision of OWCP issued within 180 days from the date of docketing of the current appeal.³ While OWCP issued a development letter on March 31, 2025, that letter is informational in nature and does not constitute a final adverse decision.⁴ Because there is no final adverse

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 20 C.F.R. § 501.3.

⁴ See *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).

decision issued by OWCP over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 25-0455 must be dismissed.⁵ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 25-0455 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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

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

Janice B. Askin, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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).