

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

Board's review authority is limited to appeals which are filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of OWCP's decision.³

The 180th day following the May 7, 2025 decision was Monday, November 3, 2025. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until November 6, 2025, more than 180 days after the May 7, 2025 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 26-0099 is untimely filed.⁴ 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. 26-0099, must be dismissed.⁵ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 26-0099 is dismissed.

Issued: January 12, 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(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."

⁴ 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.

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).