

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

R.O., Appellant	)	
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and	)	<b>Docket No. 24-0488</b>
	)	<b>Issued: May 6, 2024</b>
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,	)	
TRUMAN VA HOSPITAL, Columbia, MO,	)	
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  
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge  
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On April 5, 2024 appellant filed an appeal from a September 14, 2023 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0488.

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).<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 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 14, 2023, decision was March 12, 2024. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until April 5, 2024, more than 180 days after the September 14, 2023, OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 24-0488 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not explained

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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): "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of the OWCP."

his 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. 24-0488 must be dismissed.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the appeal docketed as No. 24-0488 is dismissed.

Issued: May 6, 2024  
Washington, DC

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

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

James D. McGinley, Alternate Judge  
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<sup>3</sup> The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." *Id.* at § 501.6(d).