

Agenda for Meeting of the Department of Labor's Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health October 30, 2024

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

10:00 am	Introductions	Ryan Jansen, Board DFO Dr. Aaron Bowman, Chair
10:20	OWCP Welcome to the Board	Chris Godfrey, OWCP Director
10:30	DOE Welcome to the Board	Kevin Dressman and Greg Lewis, DOE
10:40	Review of Agenda	Dr. Aaron Bowman
10:50	FACA Review (brief)	Ryan Jansen
11:00	Overview and brief history of EEOICPA	Rachel Pond, DEEOIC Director
11:30	Program Updates, Last 6 Months	John Vance, DEEOIC Branch Chief Policy, Regulations, and Procedures
12:00	Ethics Rules	Vanessa Myers, Ethics Counsel
12:30	Lunch	
1:30	Program Updates Continued, SEM Demonstration	John Vance
2:00	Board Discussion:	Dr. Aaron Bowman Board Members

a. Review of past working groups and group assignments

b. Review of May 2024 recommendations and DOL responses

- a. Rec 1: Facilitate Conversation between board and contract IHs
- b. Rec 2: Work process associated exposure have parkinsonism presumptions
- c. Rec 3: Add work processes to SEM that are in HazMap linked to parkinsonism
- d. Rec 4: Associated aliases for parkinsonism include primary parkinsonism
- e. Rec 5: Support working group evaluating new parkinsonism presumptions
- f. Rec 6: DOL inform board about changes to SEM prior to public release
- g. Rec 7: DOL work with SEM contractor to document changes in SEM
- h. Rec 8: Board and DOL work to continue in-person meetings with SEM contractor
- i. Rec 9: Provide OHQ with IH reports to physicians asked to consider causation
- j. Rec 10: DOL accept PTS recommendation on IARC2a carcinogens, add to SEM

c. Review of June 2024 Information Requests and DOL responses

- a. Info 1: 2022-2023 referee reports
- b. Info 2: Data on re-reviews of claims with 3+ borderline BeLPT results

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- c. Info 3: 2022-2023 claims for consequential conditions
- d. Info 4: Future DOE site visits to include info on site occupational activities
- e. Info 5: Update on efforts with IH contractors to improve exposure reports
- f. Info 6: Documentation that 1990's safety programs reduced worker exposures
- g. Info 7: Additional references since 2017 related to hearing loss claims decisions
- d. **Plan for 24 new case reviews, requested June 2024**
 - a. John Vance and others from DOL program to review the structure of claims file, description and structure of key documents contained, how to read these files...
 - b. Carrie Rhoads to describe the process of case file distribution to the board
 - c. Board members to discuss process for claims review
- e. **Additional and new issues**

3:45 Board Work Plan

Dr. Aaron Bowman

4:00 **End of Meeting**