

***ABRWH Member
Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement***

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) is very concerned with maintaining the transparency of the compensation program created by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. In an effort to foster a fully open and honest environment for claimants and in order to allay any concerns within the stakeholder community regarding perceived or actual conflicts of interest for Board members, the Board releases the following information:

Board Member's Name and Position: **James Malcolm Melius, M.D., Dr.P.H.**
Director
New York State Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund
Albany, New York

Biographical Information: Dr. Melius has served as Director for the New York State Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund in Albany, New York since 1996. Other current appointments and activities of Dr. Melius include: Director, New York State Laborers' Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund since 1997; Research Director, Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America since 1995; and Lecturer, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine since 1997.

Waiver: Dr. Melius has been provided a waiver under 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(3), permitting him to participate in the deliberations and recommendations of the Board, because the need for his services outweighs the potential for conflict of interest. This waiver is expressly limited as described below, and will not allow participation relating to specific matters in which he has a financial or imputed financial interest. In addition, Dr. Melius will remain subject to the disqualification requirements imposed by 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with respect to specific party matters. Each individual Board member, with the assistance and guidance of the Designated Federal Official, will monitor all Board issues for other actual or potential conflicts of interest and will ensure proper recusal if necessary.

Year Waiver Issued: 2006

DOE/AWE Sites Where a Conflict of Interest Exists or May Exist That Requires Recusal for specific matters, such as Site Profile Review, Dose Reconstruction Review or SEC Petition:

- No specific sites listed. However, potential exists for constituents of the Laborers Health & Safety Fund of North America, the New York State Laborers' Political Action Committee, and the Safety Trust Fund/Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund to become claimants, in which case Dr. Melius would have to recuse himself.