

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of SHEILA M. DOUGHERTY and DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, Baltimore, Md.

*Docket No. 97-661; Submitted on the Record;
Issued December 8, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained a recurrence of disability after December 31, 1995 that was causally related to her accepted March 2, 1993 employment injuries of fractures of the third and fourth fingers and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the November 1, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on that date, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated November 1 and June 27, 1996 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
December 8, 1998

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member

¹ See Robert S. Winchester, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).