

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

---

In the Matter of ROBERT C. LAITY and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
MEDICAL CENTER, Buffalo, N.Y.

*Docket No. 97-1418; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued December 16, 1998*

---

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,  
MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained an emotional condition due to his accepted chemical sickness, single episode.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 14, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 14, 1997 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
December 16, 1998

George E. Rivers  
Member

David S. Gerson  
Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member