U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JESUS G. MORENO <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Tex.

Docket No. 97-1439; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 23, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a hearing loss that was causally related to factors of his federal employment.

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 March 13, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on March 14, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 13, 1996 and finalized on March 14, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. December 23, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

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