

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WILBURN R. CREDILLE and TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY,
WORKERS' COMPENSATION DEPARTMENT, Chattanooga, TN

*Docket No. 98-1068; Submitted on the Record;
Issued August 19, 1999*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has more than a four percent permanent loss of bilateral hearing causally related to factors of his federal employment for which he received a schedule award.

On March 19, 1997 the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs issued a decision accepting appellant's employment-related hearing loss and granting appellant a schedule award for a four percent permanent loss of bilateral hearing. A hearing in this matter was held in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 18, 1997. On January 22, 1998 a decision affirming the Office's March 19, 1997 decision was issued by the Office hearing representative. Appellant's appeal followed.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the January 22, 1998 decision of the Office hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The January 22, 1998 and March 19, 1997 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
August 19, 1999

George E. Rivers
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member