U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of THOMAS H. MILNER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, San Francisco, Calif.

Docket No. 97-2532; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 2, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has sustained an increased permanent impairment of his upper extremities which would entitled him to an additional schedule award.

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 April 24, 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 24, 1997 and October 3, 1996 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 2, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member