

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ISMAEL MONTANO and DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, SAN ANTONIO AIR LOGISTICS CENTER KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, San Antonio, TX,

*Docket No. 99-733; Submitted on the Record;
Issued June 2, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a compensable hearing loss causally related to factors of his federal employment.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 11, 1998 which affirmed the Office's February 19, 1998 decision 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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative's decision dated August 11, 1998 and the Office's February 19, 1998 decision are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
June 2, 2000

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member