## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RONALD P. MILLS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, OGDEN AIR LOGISTICS CENTER, HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UT

Docket No. 99-897; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 2, 2000

**DECISION** and **ORDER** 

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

The issue is whether appellant's hearing loss is causally related to his exposure to noise at work.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved in the case, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated November 8, 1998, 1 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Office hearing representative did not date stamp her decision; however, she indicated that her review of the written record was completed on November 8, 1998.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This decision does not preclude appellant from submitting additional medical evidence to the Office along with a request for reconsideration.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated November 8, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

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

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member