## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ROSE JONES <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Birmingham, AL

Docket No. 99-1493; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 21, 2000

## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

## Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained a respiratory condition causally related to factors of her 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on December 3, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Board finds that the opinion of Dr. Mossier with regard to the issue of causal relationship is equivocal and not sufficiently reasoned to establish that appellant sustained a respiratory condition causally related to dust exposure in her federal employment.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 3, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 21, 2000

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member