U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ANNA M. STROUD <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Dayton, OH

Docket No. 98-2606; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 23, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof in establishing that her digestive condition is 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 the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and made final on July 22, 1998 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated July 22, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 23, 2000

David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member