

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

---

In the Matter of KISKA L. SIFERS and NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE  
ADMINISTRATION, LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER, Cleveland, OH

*Docket No. 99-570; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued May 3, 2000*

---

DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that her claimed lower back condition was causally related to a January 2, 1997 employment injury.

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 October 9, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 9, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
May 3, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member