U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of EDWARD R. WIELANDER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE, Yuma, AZ

Docket No. 01-238; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 8, 2001

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant sustained a hepatitis C condition while in the performance of duty.

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 July 26, 2000 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs 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 July 26, 2000 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 8, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member