U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DOMINGO RUIZ and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL AIR STATION, Jacksonville, FL

Docket No. 01-332; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 16, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant is entitled to a schedule award for a ratable impairment, causally related to his accepted condition of asbestosis.

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 August 14, 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 14 and April 5, 2000 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 16, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member