U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RICHARD H. CENTI <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Clifton, NJ

Docket No. 01-374; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 17, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a back condition causally related to factors of his 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 September 6, 2000 and finalized September 11, 2000 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated September 6, 2000 and finalized September 11, 2000 and dated December 10, 1999 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC July 17, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member