## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of PATRICIA DOTTS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEFENSE FINANCE & ACCOUNTING SERVICE, Charleston, SC

Docket No. 01-887; Submitted on the Record; Issued November 9, 2001

## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

## Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly determined that appellant did not meet her burden of proof in establishing that her current condition of fibromyalgia was causally related to her March 26, 1987 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 decision of the Office hearing representative, dated and finalized on January 25, 2001, 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 January 25, 2001 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC November 9, 2001

> Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

> A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member