U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JANICE M. KAISER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PASCO RESEARCH PLOT, Prosser, WA

Docket No. 01-1594; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 22, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained a recurrence of disability on December 17, 1998 causally related to the August 21, 1998 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 of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated March 1, 2001 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 1, 2001 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC February 22, 2002

> David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member