U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WILLIAM P. MURPHY and TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, WILSON DAM, Muscle Shoals, AL

Docket No. 02-968; Submitted on the Record; Issued September 11, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly denied appellant's compensation claim on the grounds that he did not establish that his claim was filed within the applicable time limitation provision of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

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 November 21, 2001 decision of the hearing representative of the Office 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 November 21, 2001 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC September 11, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member