

The record forwarded to the Board indicates that File No. xxxxxx781 contains evidence relevant to File No. xxxxxx366 presently before the Board. The Board therefore finds this case is not in posture for a decision, as the record before the Board is incomplete and would not

permit an informed adjudication of the case by the Board. Thus, the case must be remanded to OWCP to combine the claim files. OWCP procedures provide for doubling claims when correct adjudication of the issues depends on frequent cross-reference between files.<sup>1</sup> Upon remand, it should combine File No. xxxxxx781 with the instant case, File No. xxxxxx366. After combining the two records, OWCP should consider all relevant evidence regarding whether appellant was disabled for work on and after July 27, 2009 due to accepted bilateral foot conditions as claimed. It should then issue an appropriate merit decision.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the May 25, 2012 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs be set aside and the case remanded for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

Issued: December 21, 2012  
Washington, DC

Richard J. Daschbach, Chief Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia Howard Fitzgerald, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Alec J. Koromilas, Alternate Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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<sup>1</sup> See Federal (FECA) Procedure Manual, Part 2 -- Claims, *File Maintenance and Management*, Chapter 2.400.8(c) (February 2000).