U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOSEPH M. HAUGLAND <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL SHIPYARD, Philadelphia, Pa.

Docket No. 96-2262; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 27, 1998

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DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has a ratable hearing loss causally related to factors of his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant 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 May 29, 1996 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 May 29, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 27, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member