U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of AGAPITO DELVALLE <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD, Philadelphia, Pa.

Docket No. 97-156; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 29, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has established a permanent impairment entitling him to a schedule award under 5 U.S.C. § 8107.

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 and made final on July 11, 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 July 11, 1996 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 29, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member