## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ROBYN L. HAYES (RASMUSSEN) and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, Lakehurst, NJ

Docket No. 99-1329; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 14, 2000

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## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

## Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB, VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof in establishing that her knee condition and surgery request of June 1992 are causally related to the work injury of August 19, 1991.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues 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 December 18, 1998 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 December 18, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC December 14, 2000

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell Alternate Member