U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LISA DI BERNARDI <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PLUM ISLAND ANIMAL DISEASE CENTER, Greenport, N.Y.

Docket No. 96-2195; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 5, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs met its burden of proof to terminate appellant's compensation benefits.

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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated April 5, 1996 and finalized April 8, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and law in the case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The April 8, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 5, 1998

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member