### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

# In the Matter of JOANNE LARSEN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, N.H.

Docket No. 97-449; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 24, 1998

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

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

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly found that appellant did not sustain a recurrence of disability as of October 22, 1993 causally related to her accepted bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome.

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 September 6, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office is in accordance with the fact and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' dated September 6, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 24, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member