U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WILLIAM EDLER <u>and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY</u>, NORFOLK NAVAL BASE, Norfolk, Va.

Docket No. 97-1669; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 5, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

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 hearing representative of the Office dated May 31, 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 31, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 5, 1999

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member