

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MILTON T. COSME and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
CMDR PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD, Pearl Harbor, HI

*Docket No. 97-2722; Submitted on the Record;
Issued July 26, 1999*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,
WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant has a ratable hearing loss causally related to noise exposure in his federal employment.

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 finalized on May 30, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative that appellant does not have a ratable hearing loss under the standards contained in the American Medical Association, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*,¹ and that appellant's tinnitus was not compensable.

¹ A.M.A., *Guides* (4th edition 1993).

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated May 30, 1997 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
July 26, 1999

George E. Rivers
Member

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member