

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of JOHN P. WEHRLE and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,  
DAVID W. TAYLOR RESEARCH CENTER, Bethesda, MD

*Docket No. 98-1251; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued October 8, 1999*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained an injury in the performance of duty on March 6, 1997, as alleged.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the February 9, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the 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 February 9, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
October 8, 1999

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member