### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

# In the Matter of JOHN A. SMITH <u>and SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION</u>, PROJECT MANAGEMENT STAFF, Baltimore, MD

Docket No. 99-787; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 23, 2000

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

## Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant was injured in the performance of duty on December 13, 1996.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved in the case, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on September 15, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on September 15, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 23, 2000

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member