U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of HOWARD R. MILLS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Salisbury, NY

Docket No. 98-2312; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 3, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained an occupational disease causally related to factors of 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 June 22, 1998 and finalized on June 23, 1998 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 June 22, 1998 and finalized on June 23, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 3, 2000

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member