U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LARRY FULTON <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Knoxville, TN

Docket No. 00-404; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 14, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he has a compensable loss of hearing due to factors of his federal employment.

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 July 26, 1999 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, dated July 26 and February 26, 2000 are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 14, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member