



injury.<sup>1</sup> OWCP recognized that appellant was attempting to make a consequential injury claim, but failed to properly combine, or request combination of, the present case record with the record of the originally accepted employment injury which appellant implicated as the initial causative entity.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, the case will be remanded for OWCP to double this case file with OWCP File No. xxxxxx319 and further develop appellant's claim as a consequential injury. Following this and such other development as deemed necessary, OWCP shall issue an appropriate merit decision.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the October 22, 2010 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' decision be set aside and the case remanded for further development consistent with this order.

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Washington, DC

Alec J. Koromilas, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Michael E. Groom, Alternate Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

James A. Haynes, Alternate Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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<sup>1</sup> See *J.K.*, Docket No. 09-859 (issued October 20, 2009) (where the Board found that appellant's traumatic injury claim attributing left arm fractures to the collapse of her right knee should have been developed and adjudicated by OWCP as a possible consequential injury of her accepted right knee contusion).

<sup>2</sup> See *Easter I. Shepherd*, Docket No. 95-1386 (issued March 26, 1997).