

BRB No. 04-578 BLA  
Case No. 03-BLA-0172

JOSEPH KOWALCHICK )  
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 Claimant-Petitioner ) DATE ISSUED: 7/27/04  
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 v. )  
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 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS' )  
 COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED )  
 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR )  
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 Respondent ) ORDER

On July 12, 2004, the Board received claimant's request for modification. Claimant states that there has been a change in his respiratory condition, and requests that his appeal be dismissed and the case remanded for modification proceeding.

Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed and the case remanded to the district director for consideration of the request for modification. 20 C.F.R. §802.301.

Once a final decision on the petition for modification is issued by an administrative law judge, the case may be reinstated on the Board's docket if modification is denied. The case will be reinstated by the Board only if the petitioner requests reinstatement. The request for reinstatement must be filed with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date the decision on modification is issued and must be identified by the Board's docket number, BRB No. 04-578 BLA. If reinstatement is requested, the Board will consider only the issues raised in the appeal of the Decision and Order Denying Benefits issued on March 15, 2004.

After claimant's request for modification is processed by the district director, the case may be transferred to an administrative law judge for a hearing pursuant to the regulations. In the event the administrative law judge denies modification and the petitioner wishes the Board to consider not only the original appeal, but also whether the administrative law judge erred in denying modification, a Notice of Appeal of the decision denying modification must be filed, in addition to the request for reinstatement. The Notice of Appeal must also be filed with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date on which the decision on modification is filed. 20 C.F.R. §802.205. The appeal of the

decision on modification will be assigned a new docket number and will be consolidated with the appeal, BRB No. 04-578 BLA.

In the event an administrative law judge grants modification, any party who is aggrieved by the decision granting modification may file an appeal with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date the decision granting modification is filed. 20 C.F.R. §§802.205, 802.301(c).

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NANCY S. DOLDER, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Judge

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REGINA C. McGRANERY  
Administrative Appeals Judge

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BETTY JEAN HALL  
Administrative Appeals Judge