

BRB No. 97-1833 BLA
Case No. 96-BLA-1061

GEORGE P. WHITE)
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 Claimant-Petitioner)
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 COAL COMPANY)
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 Employer-Respondent)
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 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS')
 COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED)
 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR)
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 Party-in-Interest) ORDER

By Order dated January 26, 1998, the Board accepted claimant's previously filed show cause response, and granted claimant thirty (30) days from receipt of the Order to file a Petition for Review and brief in the captioned case. 20 C.F.R. §§802.211, 802.218(b), 802.402(a). The Board also notified claimant that he should immediately inform the Board if he decides to request modification before the Office of the District Director.

Claimant has neither informed the Board that he is pursuing modification before the Office of the District Director nor filed a Petition for Review and brief. The Board, therefore, dismisses claimant's appeal as abandoned. 20 C.F.R. §802.402(a).

Accordingly, the Board dismisses claimant's appeal.

BETTY JEAN HALL, Chief
Administrative Appeals Judge

ROY P. SMITH
Administrative Appeals Judge

REGINA C. McGRANERY
Administrative Appeals Judge