U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of NORMAN GRIER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD, Philadelphia, Pa.

Docket No. 96-1505; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 14, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that he has a ratable hearing loss causally related to noise exposure in his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions 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 and made final on January 24, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and 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 and finalized on January 24, 1996 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 14, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member