

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of TONIA M. ANDERSON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Cleveland, Ohio

*Docket No. 97-676; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued November 24, 1998*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,  
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained a recurrence of disability after June 8, 1995 that was causally related to her accepted September 19, 1991 employment injuries of multiple contusions, left shoulder and wrist strains, lumbar and cervical strains and a rib contusion.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the October 18, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on that date, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Robert S. Winchester*, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 18 and January 31, 1996 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
November 24, 1998

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member