

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of DEBRA COUCH and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
OAKCREEK CARRIER ANNEX, Kettering, Ohio

*Docket No. 99-104; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued March 20, 2000*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issues are: (1) whether appellant is entitled to a schedule award for a permanent impairment of the right hand; and (2) whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly terminated appellant's compensation effective March 27, 1997.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office dated August 24, 1998, which affirmed the Office's March 27, 1997 decision, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The August 24, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
March 20, 2000

George E. Rivers  
Member

David S. Gerson  
Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member