

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ROMIE DANIEL AVERITTE and TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY,
CUMBERLAND FOSSIL PLANT, Cumberland, TN

*Docket No. 01-1994; Submitted on the Record;
Issued May 3, 2002*

DECISION and ORDER

Before COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant had more than a seven percent binaural hearing loss for which he received a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated May 9, 2001 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.¹

¹ Appellant submitted an October 10, 2000 audiogram to support a greater than seven percent binaural hearing loss. However, the audiogram test results were not reviewed or certified by a physician; *see Joshua A. Holmes*, 42 ECAB 231 (1990). The Office is under no obligation to review every uncertified audiogram which has not been prepared in connection with an examination by a medical specialist. *James A. England*, 47 ECAB 115 (1995).

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated May 9, 2001 and October 16, 2000 are hereby affirmed.²

Dated, Washington, DC
May 3, 2002

Colleen Duffy Kiko
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member

² The Board notes that there is a document in the case record not associated with the appeal.