

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOSEPH L. KEELER and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Port Angeles, WA

*Docket No. 03-1332; Submitted on the Record;
Issued August 11, 2003*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof to establish that his arthritis was caused or aggravated by factors of his federal employment.

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 April 8, 2003 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs 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 April 8, 2003 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
August 11, 2003

David S. Gerson
Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member