

denied appellant's occupational claim, finding that the medical evidence indicated that the condition was related to the February 4, 2011 incident instead of repetitive work factors.

Cases should be combined when correct adjudication of the issues depends on frequent cross-reference between files. OWCP procedures provide for the doubling of a claim when a new injury case is reported for an employee who previously filed an injury claim for a similar condition or the same part of the body and also where two or more separate injuries (not recurrences) have occurred on the same date.³ Therefore, for a full and fair adjudication, appellant's claims pertaining to injuries or illness involving the February 4, 2011 incident should be doubled. On remand OWCP shall combine File Nos. xxxxxx647 and xxxxxx051 and, following this and such other development as deemed necessary, issue an appropriate decision on her claim for compensation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the June 24, 2011 decision be set aside and the case remanded to OWCP for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

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³ Federal (FECA) Procedure Manual, Part 2 -- Claims, *File Maintenance & Management*, Chapter 2.400.8(c) (February 2000).