

Based on the evidence of record, appellant's claim appeared to be a claim for consequential injuries resulting from a 1999 work injury. The record indicated that she filed a timely traumatic injury claim for an injury on April 28, 1999. OWCP also referred to a 2002 claim for vertigo and headaches, but the nature of this claim is not clear. If appellant is claiming consequential injuries from a 1999 injury, then the relevant case records should be combined and an appropriate decision issued based on all of the relevant evidence.

The Board notes that if appellant is claiming hearing loss or other conditions due to noise exposure in federal employment, she can submit evidence with respect to her allegation and OWCP can issue a proper decision on the issues presented.² The current evidence of record does not establish an untimely filing of a claim for a new injury. The case will be remanded to OWCP for clarification, proper doubling of case records and appropriate adjudication of the issues presented.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated July 3 and June 10, 2013 are set aside and the case remanded for further action consistent with this order of the Board.³

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Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Alec J. Koromilas, Alternate Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

² With respect to the timeliness of a claim for hearing loss, OWCP would have to consider the date of last exposure to noise alleged to have contributed to the hearing loss. *See Jose Salaz*, 41 ECAB 743 (1990).

³ Richard J. Daschbach, Chief Judge, who participated in the preparation of this order, was no longer a member of the Board after May 16, 2014.