

report was not new (it had previously been received by OWCP on December 12, 2011) it has never been reviewed by OWCP. By decision dated March 5, 2014, it denied modification of the denial of appellant's claim. In the decision, OWCP discussed Dr. Fast's report, but only referred to earlier reports of Dr. Thom which had been reviewed by the Board in its September 9, 2011 decision.

OWCP denied appellant's claim for the reason that he did not submit medical evidence sufficient to establish a causal relationship between his accepted employment incident of February 13, 2010 and his medical diagnoses. As the Board's jurisdiction of a case is limited to reviewing that evidence that was before OWCP at the time of its final decision,² it is necessary that OWCP review all the evidence submitted by a claimant and received by OWCP prior to the issuance of its final decision.³

Accordingly, the Board finds that this case is not in posture for decision as OWCP did not review all the relevant evidence before issuing its decision. On remand, OWCP shall review all submitted evidence and, following any necessary further development, issue a *de novo* decision.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 5, 2014 is set aside, and the case is remanded for further development consistent with this order of the Board.

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Washington, DC

Christopher J. Godfrey, Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia Howard Fitzgerald, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

² 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c)(1).

³ See *William A. Couch*, 41 ECAB 548 (1990).