U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RICHARD L. TUDOR <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL AIR STATION, Lemoore, CA

Docket No. 98-2306; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 9, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a recurrence of disability causally related to his November 21, 1995 employment injury.

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 May 18, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, finalized May 19, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated May 18, 1998 and finalized on May 19, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 9, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member