U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of THOMAS QUINLAN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL AIR STATION, Oak Harbor, WA

Docket No. 01-1358; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 26, 2002

DECISION and ORDER

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

The issue is whether appellant established that he sustained a recurrence of disability on or after December 1996 causally related to his accepted employment injury of January 3, 1988.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contention of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on January 28, 1999, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 28, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC February 26, 2002

> David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member