

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 99-2594

KESTER J. MEADE,

Petitioner,

versus

CLINCHFIELD COAL COMPANY; DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

Respondents.

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Benefits Review Board.
(BRB No. 98-1618-BLA)

Submitted: May 11, 2000

Decided: May 16, 2000

Before MURNAGHAN, LUTTIG, and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Kester J. Meade, Petitioner Pro Se. Harry Ashby Dickerson, PENN,
STUART & ESKRIDGE, Abingdon, Virginia; Christian P. Barber, Edward
Waldman, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Washington, D.C., for
Respondents.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Kester J. Meade seeks review of the Benefits Review Board's decision and order affirming the administrative law judge's denial of black lung benefits pursuant to 30 U.S.C.A. §§ 901-945 (West 1994 & Supp. 2000). Our review of the record discloses that the Board's decision is based upon substantial evidence and is without reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm on the reasoning of the Board. See Meade v. Clinchfield Coal Co., BRB No. 98-1618-BLA (Oct. 18, 1999). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED