ADVISORY NO. 43

TOPIC: PILOT BACK INJURY PROGRAM

The TWCC has expanded the Pilot Back Injury Program into 6 additional counties effective February 1992. The counties are: Hill, Limestone, Bosque, Navarro, Hamilton and Bexar. Houston and McLennan Counties were included in June 1991.

Any covered worker who incurs a back injury in one of the above 8 counties is <u>required</u> to participate if paid income benefits for 4 weeks or more. If an employee refuses to participate without "reasonable cause," income benefits can be suspended for the period of non-compliance.

A copy of the TWCC new release received March 31, 1992 along with the Insurance Carrier's Briefing is attached. For more information, call the TWCC at (512) 440-3551.