U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of THOMAS S. HANSEN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE, Fresno, CA

Docket No. 00-1868; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 11, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty, causally related to compensable factors of his federal employment.

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 January 20, 2000 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 20, 2000 and July 28, 1999 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 11, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member