U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of SANTOSH C. VERMA and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, LOS ANGELES OUTPATIENT CLINIC, Los Angeles, CA

Docket No. 00-2034; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 15, 2002

DECISION and ORDER

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, DAVID S. GERSON

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 8, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 8, 2000 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC April 15, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Colleen Duffy Kiko Member

David S. Gerson Alternate Member