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FILE:



Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date:

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

*Cindy M. Gomez for*

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The case will be remanded.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The director denied the application on September 18, 2003; however, the director's decision does not clearly indicate the specific basis for the decision.

When an officer denies an application, "the officer shall explain in writing the specific reasons for denial." 8 C.F.R. § 103.3.

Therefore, the director's decision will be withdrawn and the case will be remanded for the issuance of a new decision that sets forth the specific reasons for the denial. As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof remains solely on the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

**ORDER:** The director's decision is withdrawn. The case is remanded to the director for entry of a new decision.