

receipt. For any other type of appeal, HUD will decide your appeal within 20 working days after its receipt. HUD may have an additional 10 working days if unusual circumstances require.

(b) *What action will HUD take if it grants my appeal?*

(1) *Appeal of a denial of request for information.* If you are appealing a decision to deny your request for records, HUD will either:

(i) Give you the records you requested or advise you that the records will be provided by the originating office;

(ii) Give you some of the records you requested while declining to give you other records you requested, tell you why HUD has concluded that the documents were exempt from disclosure under FOIA, and tell you how to obtain judicial review of HUD's decision; or

(iii) Decline to give you the records you requested, tell you why HUD has concluded that the records were exempt from disclosure under FOIA, and tell you how to obtain judicial review of HUD's decision.

(2) *Appeal of a fee determination.* If you are appealing a fee determination, HUD will either:

(i) Waive the fee or charge the fee that you have requested;

(ii) Modify the original fee charged, and explain why it has determined that the modified fee is appropriate; or

(iii) Advise you that the original fee charged was appropriate, and explain why it has determined that the fee is appropriate.

(3) *Appeal of a denial of expedited processing.* If you are appealing a denial of your request for expedited processing, HUD will either:

(i) Agree to expedited processing of your request; or

(ii) Advise you that the decision to deny expedited processing has been affirmed, and tell you how to obtain judicial review of HUD's decision.

### **Subpart C—Production in Response to Subpoenas or Demands of Courts or Other Authorities**

SOURCE: Redesignated at 66 FR 6973, Jan. 22, 2001.

#### **§ 15.201 Purpose and scope.**

(a) This subpart contains the regulations of the Department concerning procedures to be followed when a subpoena, order, or other demand (hereinafter referred to in this subpart as a *demand*) of a court or other authority is issued for the production or disclosure of: (a) Any material contained in the files of the Department, (b) any information relating to material contained in the files of the Department, or (c) any information or material acquired by any person while such person was an employee of the Department as a part of the performance of his or her official duties or because of his or her official status. For purposes of this subpart, the term *employee of the Department* includes current and former officers and employees of the United States appointed by or subject to the supervision of the Secretary, but does not include officers and employees covered by part 2004 of this title. Also for purposes of this subpart, *files of the Department* do not include files of the Office of Inspector General covered by part 2004 of this title.

(b) The term "legal proceeding" has the meaning given in § 15.301(b).

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#### **§ 15.202 Production or disclosure prohibited unless approved by the Secretary.**

(a) Any demand of a court or other authority or any request to an employee of the Department to produce any material contained in the files of the Department, or to disclose any information relating to material contained in the files of the Department, or to disclose any information or produce any material acquired as a part of the performance of the employee's official duties or because of the employee's official status for use in a legal proceeding, shall state with particularity the material sought to be obtained or the information sought to be disclosed.

(b) No employee of the Department shall comply with any such demand or request without the prior approval of the Secretary.