

## § 1206.501

limits specified in Subpart 6 of this part;

(c) Determining whether unusual circumstances exist under §1206.608 as would justify the extension of the time limit for a final determination.

### § 1206.501 General Counsel.

The General Counsel is responsible for the interpretation of 5 U.S.C. 552 and of this part, and for the handling of litigation in connection with a request for an Agency record under this part.

### § 1206.502 Centers and Components.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in §1206.504, the Director of each NASA Center or the Official-in-Charge of each Component, is responsible for the following:

(1) After consultation with the Chief Counsel or the Counsel charged with providing legal advice to a Center or a Component Facility, making initial determinations under §1206.603 and §1206.604;

(2) Determining whether unusual circumstances exist under §1206.608 as would justify the extension of the time limit for an initial determination; and

(3) In coordination with the Associate Deputy Administrator, ensuring that requests for records under the cognizance of his/her respective Center are processed and initial determinations made within the time limits specified in Subpart 6 of this part.

(b) If so designated by the Director or Officials-in-Charge of the respective Center, the principal Public Affairs Officer at the Center may perform the functions set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section.

### § 1206.503 NASA Headquarters.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in §1206.504, the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs, is responsible for the following:

(1) Preparing the annual reports required by §1206.900, including establishing reporting procedures throughout NASA to facilitate the preparation of such reports;

(2) After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, making initial determinations under §1206.603 and §1206.604;

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(3) Determining whether unusual circumstances exist under §1206.608 as would justify the extension of the time limit for an initial determination; and

(4) In coordination with the Associate Deputy Administrator, ensuring that requests for Agency records under the cognizance of Headquarters are processed and initial determinations made within the time limits specified in Subpart 6 of this part.

(b) The functions set forth in paragraphs (a)(1), (2) and (3) of this section may be delegated by the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs to a Public Affairs Officer or Specialist and to the Manager or his/her designee, NASA Management Office—JPL.

### § 1206.504 Inspector General.

(a) The Inspector General or designee is responsible for making final determinations under §1206.607, within the time limits specified in Subpart 6 of this part, concerning audit inspection and investigative records originating in the Office of the Inspector General records from outside the Government related to an audit inspection or investigation, records prepared in response to a request from or addressed to the Office of the Inspector General, or other records originating within the Office of the Inspector General, after consultation with the General Counsel or designee on an appeal of an initial determination to the Inspector General.

(b) The Assistant Inspectors General or their designees are responsible for making initial determinations under §1206.603 and §1206.604 concerning audit inspection and investigative records originating in the Office of the Inspector General, records from outside the Government related to an audit inspection or investigation, records prepared in response to a request from or addressed to the Office of the Inspector General, or other records originating with the Office of the Inspector General, after consultation with the Attorney-Advisor to the Inspector General or designee.

(c) The Inspector General or designee is responsible for ensuring that requests for Agency records as specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section