

#### § 101-6.210-4

comply with this subpart 101-6.2. The investigation should include, where appropriate, a review of the pertinent practices and policies of the recipient, the circumstances under which the possible noncompliance with this subpart occurred, and other factors relevant to a determination as to whether the recipient has failed to comply with this subpart.

#### § 101-6.210-4 Resolution of matters.

(a) If an investigation pursuant to § 101-6.210-3 indicates a failure to comply with this subpart 101-6.2, the responsible GSA official or his designee will so inform the recipient and the matter will be resolved by informal means whenever possible. If it has been determined that the matter cannot be resolved by informal means, action will be taken as provided for in § 101-6.211.

(b) If an investigation does not warrant action pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section the responsible GSA official or his designee will so inform the recipient and the complainant, if any, in writing.

#### § 101-6.210-5 Intimidatory or retaliatory acts prohibited.

No recipient or other person shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by section 601 of the Act or this subpart 101-6.2, or because he has made a complaint, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this subpart. The identity of complainants shall be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this subpart, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder.

#### § 101-6.211 Procedure for effecting compliance.

##### § 101-6.211-1 General.

If there appears to be a failure or threatened failure to comply with this subpart 101-6.2, and if the noncompliance or threatened noncompliance cannot be corrected by informal means, compliance with this subpart may be effected by the suspension or termi-

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nation of or refusal to grant or to continue Federal financial assistance or by any other means authorized by law. Such other means may include, but are not limited to, (a) a reference to the Department of Justice with a recommendation that appropriate proceedings be brought to enforce any rights of the United States under any law of the United States (including other titles of the Act), or any assurance or other contractual undertaking, and (b) any applicable proceeding under State or local law.

#### § 101-6.211-2 Noncompliance with § 101-6.205.

If an applicant fails or refuses to furnish an assurance required under § 101-6.205 or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with a requirement imposed by or pursuant to that section Federal financial assistance may be refused in accordance with the procedures of § 101-6.211-3. The GSA shall not be required to provide assistance in such a case during the pendency of the administrative proceedings under § 101-6.211-3 except that GSA shall continue assistance during the pendency of such proceedings where such assistance is due and payable pursuant to an application therefor approved prior to the effective date of this subpart 101-6.2.

#### § 101-6.211-3 Termination of or refusal to grant or to continue Federal financial assistance.

No order suspending, terminating or refusing to grant or continue Federal financial assistance shall become effective until (a) the responsible GSA official has advised the applicant or recipient of his failure to comply and has determined that compliance cannot be secured by voluntary means, (b) there has been an express finding on the record, after opportunity for hearing, of a failure by the applicant or recipient to comply with a requirement imposed by or pursuant to this subpart 101-6.2, (c) the action has been approved by the Administrator pursuant to § 101-6.213-5, and (d) the expiration of 30 days after the Administrator has filed with the committee of the House and the committee of the Senate having legislative jurisdiction over the program involved, a full written report