

## 33.206 Initiation of a claim.

(a) Contractor *claims shall* be submitted, *in writing*, to the *contracting officer* for a decision within 6 years after *accrual of a claim*, unless the *contracting* parties agreed to a shorter time period. This 6-year time period does not apply to contracts awarded prior to October 1, 1995. The *contracting officer shall* document the contract file with evidence of the date of receipt of any submission from the contractor deemed to be a *claim* by the *contracting officer*.

(b) The *contracting officer shall* issue a written decision on any Government *claim* initiated against a contractor within 6 years after accrual of the *claim*, unless the *contracting* parties agreed to a shorter time period. The 6-year period *shall* not apply to contracts awarded prior to October 1, 1995, or to a Government *claim* based on a contractor *claim* involving fraud.

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