42.1304 Government delay of work.

(a) The clause at 52.242-17, Government Delay of Work, provides for the administrative settlement of contractor *claims* that arise from delays and interruptions in the contract work caused by the acts, or failures to act, of the *contracting officer*. This clause is not applicable if the contract otherwise specifically provides for an equitable adjustment because of the delay or interruption; *e.g.,* when the Changes clause is applicable.

(b) The clause does not authorize the *contracting officer* to order a *suspension*, delay, or interruption of the contract work and it *shall* not be used as the basis or justification of such an order.

(c) If the *contracting officer* has notice of an unordered delay or interruption covered by the clause, the *contracting officer shall* act to end the delay or take other appropriate action as soon as practicable.

(d) The *contracting officer shall* retain in the file a record of all negotiations leading to any adjustment made under the clause, and related *certified cost or pricing data*, or *data other than certified cost or pricing data*.

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