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Dr. Harriett G. Jenkins was named Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity Programs in August 1974. she is responsible for helping NASA integrate its workforce and for ensuring equal opportunity in personnel transactions and in the utilization of NASA's resources.

Dr. Jenkins entered NASA in February 1974 as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity Programs. Before coming to NASA, Dr. Jenkins was a consultant to the District of Columbia school system for the Response to Educational Needs Project from 1973. Prior to that, she served for 19 years as a public school educator in Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. Jenkins entered the Berkeley school system as a teacher and rose through the ranks to vice-principal, principal and Director of Elementary Education before reaching the post of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in 1971.

During her professional career, Dr. Jenkins has served as an officer or key member of numerous professional organizations. She has been an expert on matters of integration of schools and on in-service programs for teachers. She has been a leading participant in a number of national conferences and projects on civil rights, education, human relations and public administration. She also has served as an editorial and educational consultant.

Dr. Jenkins has received numerous awards, including the Honorary Service Award Certificate from the California Congress of Parents and Teachers in special recognition of outstanding service to children and youth and a commendation by the California State Assembly for an outstanding record in the field of public education -- both in 1973.

Dr. Jenkins received in 1977 NASA's highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal. Also during 1977, she chaired the Task Force on Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, one of nine task forces of the Personnel Management Project, which led to the Civil Service Reform Act. For this work, she received the Civil Service Commissioners' Award for Distinguished Service. Dr. Jenkins received the President's Meritorious Executive Award in 1980, NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal in 1981 and the President's Distinguished Executive Award in 1983.