



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13010004

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We received allegations from multiple sources that: (1) a Principle Investigator<sup>1</sup> from a higher education institution<sup>2</sup> had been improperly removed from an NSF award<sup>3</sup> and blamed for the project's status; and (2) time and effort records were not being maintained for the award. Our review determined that the award had been reviewed by two NSF organizations<sup>4</sup> subsequent to our receipt of the allegations, and that the agency reviews resulted in the direct resolution of some of the allegations, and in action plans that have been implemented to resolve the remaining allegations. We concluded that the substantive propriety of the removal of the PI from the award by the institution is an internal institutional matter outside our purview. The agency reviews resolved any procedural defects under NSF rules that might have occurred in carrying out the removal. Therefore, no further investigation is necessary at this time.

**This case is closed.**

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