



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I03060023

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The Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Office of Audits notified the Office of Investigations that KPMG had detected numerous instances of peer-to-peer file sharing, via a program called "Kazaa" involving PCs within the National Science Foundation (NSF). KPMG detected the vulnerabilities while conducting external and internal computer penetration testing for NSF.

The OIG investigation revealed that Internet Protocol (IP) addresses are assigned dynamically and therefore, may change over time. Due to an agency-wide power outage since the time KPMG discovered the peer-to-peer file sharing, it is impossible to determine which PCs had been assigned the IP addresses identified by KPMG at the time KPMG obtained its data.

In light of the above, and because the use of peer-to-peer file sharing programs does not violate any existing NSF policies prohibiting the use of such programs, this case is closed.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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