

Closeout for M99030016

On March 1999, we were contacted by an individual¹ requesting information about concerns about incorrect data gathering and analysis conducted and published by two scientists.² The individual attributed the errors to inexperience rather than intentional inappropriate data manipulation.

The individual said that the scientists' institution had reviewed the issue and concluded that it involved honest errors and that another federal agency³ was currently reviewing it. We determined that NSF had not provided funding for this research and closed this matter without further inquiry.

Cc: Integrity, IG

¹ The individual was Ms. [REDACTED], a graduate student at the [REDACTED]

² The scientists were Drs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both faculty members at the [REDACTED]

³ The Department of the [REDACTED] within the Department of [REDACTED]