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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14090044

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We received a letter from an university<sup>1</sup> indicating that IRB noncompliance was reported for the NSF funded studies<sup>2</sup> of a PI<sup>3</sup> as a graduate student<sup>4</sup> performed human subjects work prior to obtaining IRB approval. The IRB and university took corrective actions to ensure the collected data was destroyed and the PI's studies were continually performed in accordance with the NSF Award and Administration Guide and with the IRB. In addition, remedial educational sessions regarding proper human subjects work was given to the noncompliant graduate student and all of the department's graduate students.<sup>5</sup> Our review of the matter concluded that appropriate actions were taken by the university and the IRB to ensure to the proper oversight in NSF funded projects involving human subjects. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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