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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15060037

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OIG learned that an individual<sup>1</sup> had been contacted by an NSF PI.<sup>2</sup> The PI, who assumed the individual had recently reviewed the PI's proposal, was harassing the individual about his alleged review. We contacted the PI and advised him that concerns about his review should be addressed with his program officer. If the PI is concerned the review process for his proposal was flawed, he could utilize NSF's reconsideration process. The PI alleged the individual had a conflict of interests (COI) with him. The facts relayed by the PI would create an appearance of a COI, but would not constitute an actual COI. Thus, this case is ***closed*** with no further action taken.

1 [REDACTED]

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