



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-16-0047-O

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This investigation was initiated pursuant to an allegation that an NSF program officer¹ was retaliated against for making disclosures of perceived wrongdoing in the management of grant funds.

We referred the complainant's concerns about the mismanagement of award funds to our audit office. We investigated the complainant's retaliation allegation to determine if our office had jurisdiction, and determined that it fell under the jurisdiction of OSC. We informed the complainant that our office did not have jurisdiction to investigate or provide relief under the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA), and that if the complainant wanted protection as a whistleblower under the WPA, a complaint must be filed with the Office of Special Counsel (OSC). The complainant subsequently informed us that such a complaint had been submitted to OSC.²

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

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