



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I14100041

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We investigated allegations of misuse of NSF funds via a management fee, violation of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Act Amendment, and conflict of interest violations by a former NSF employee.¹ We researched the history of management fee and lobbying activities undertaken by or on behalf of the grantee.² We also interviewed current and former NSF staff. Lastly, we reviewed email communications between the former NSF employee and NSF staff to determine whether any evidence of violations of 18 USC § 207 existed. We referred each of the three matters to the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section and the civil and criminal divisions of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. All of the referrals were declined. We also reviewed the Intergovernmental Personnel Act appointment of the former employee and the NSF awards to his/her home institution³ where s/he served as PI. We determined that there was no substance to this conflict of interest allegation.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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