



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I14120052

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We received an allegation from a complainant¹ that he was retaliated against for disclosing to management officials at his university² information that he reasonably believed was evidence of (1) mismanagement and noncompliance of federal funds, (2) waste and mismanagement of federal funds and (3) plagiarism. We determined that our office did not have jurisdiction to investigate the complainant's allegations of retaliation because the complainant was not an NSF employee and because the complaint did not involve any NSF grants or contracts that came under the specific jurisdiction granted to our office by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or the Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information Act to investigate retaliation claims made by employees of contractors or grantees. The complainant's plagiarism allegation was not substantiated. The remaining allegations concerned general accounting and award administration practices at the university, and accordingly were referred for review to the NSF OIG Office of Audit.

This case is ***closed*** with no further action taken.

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