



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I15080045

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We received an allegation from a complainant<sup>1</sup> that he was retaliated against for disclosing that his university<sup>2</sup> had defrauded federal agencies by not reporting or crediting back rebates that it received on expenditures made under federal grants, including NSF grants. Our jurisdiction to investigate retaliation complaints involving NSF awards derives from the Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information<sup>3</sup>; however, we are precluded from investigating when the complaint “has previously been addressed in another Federal or State judicial or administrative proceeding initiated by the complainant . . . .” Since the complainant’s state has already adjudicated his complaint, this case is closed with no further action taken.<sup>4</sup>

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3 41 U.S.C. § 4712(b)(1).

4 The complainant’s allegation concerning rebates is being investigated under a separate investigation, I15050020.