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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14020006

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We investigated an allegation of fabrication and falsification in NSF-supported research. Based on the Subject's<sup>1</sup> admission, and our direct examination of the published data, we concluded that the Subject intentionally fabricated and falsified data in three publications, that these actions were a significant departure from the standards of the research community, and therefore constitute research misconduct. We recommended that NSF make a finding of research misconduct and take appropriate actions.

NSF concluded that the subject did commit research misconduct and imposed a one year debarment on the subject. In addition, it directed the Subject to: provide two subsequent years of certifications and assurances for future documents submitted to NSF and complete training in the responsible conduct of research.