

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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This investigation was initiated pursuant to an allegation by an NSF employee¹ that she was retaliated against for making disclosures of perceived wrongdoing to her management and the Office of General Counsel (OGC), and for assisting our office in its investigation of the underlying conduct that she reported.

We thoroughly investigated the complainant's allegation to determine if our office had jurisdiction to investigate her retaliation claim, and determined that it fell under the jurisdiction of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC). We informed the complainant that our office did not have jurisdiction to investigate or provide relief under the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA), and if she wanted protection as a whistleblower under the WPA she needed to file a complaint with OSC. The complainant explained that she had filed a complaint with OSC concerning the perceived wrongdoing and that she intended to file a complaint with OSC regarding the retaliation.

Accordingly, this investigation is *closed*.