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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a University<sup>1</sup> failed to notify NSF of the departure of a Principal Investigator (PI)<sup>2</sup> on three NSF awards,<sup>3</sup> and that award funds may have been misused since the PI's departure.

The University did eventually notify NSF of the PI's departure. The University, the PI, and the three NSF program officers discussed how to proceed in completing the projects and closing out each of the NSF awards, which resulted in outcomes acceptable to the program officers. We requested and reviewed the award general ledgers and found no evidence of misuse of award funds.

We notified the University that in the future NSF needs to be properly notified in a timely manner about the departure of a PI.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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