



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0082-O

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This investigation was initiated pursuant to an allegation that a company was making false representations regarding the National Science Foundation (NSF) and misusing the NSF logo. Specifically, the business used NSF's logo on the packaging label of a product that is available for sale online.

We researched the company, its affiliates, and the product. Since the product was no longer available for purchase, we issued a cease and desist letter to the company. In his response, the company's principal confirmed that the product no longer displays the NSF logo. Based on this assertion, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida decided not to pursue criminal charges against the company. We instructed the company to remove all images containing the NSF logo, and recommended it strictly adhere to Federal guidelines regarding claims of Federal support and use of Federal logos, and stated that criminal and/or civil charges could be pursued if any incidents such as this arise in the future.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.