



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0076-0

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This investigation was opened to investigate allegations that an NSF awardee was not paying a subaward institution as required by the award. Our investigation found that the company had not paid the subaward institution at the time the company submitted its final report and its request for final payment, and that NSF knew this. NSF approved the final report and the final payment on the award anyway, after being told by the company that it had worked out an arrangement with the subawardee and intended to reimburse the subawardee several months in the future. When no such reimbursement occurred, we received the allegation. We sent a questionable practices letter to the company reminding it of the award terms and conditions and its obligation to be accurate and honest in communications with NSF.

This case is closed with no further action taken.