



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: **I15030010**

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We received an allegation that a company was making false representations regarding the National Science Foundation's (NSF) certification of its products and misusing the NSF logo on three websites. We confirmed that allegation, and determined that some claims and use of logo occurred in a YouTube video. Consequently, we made a referral to the appropriate United States Attorney's Office which declined to prosecute the case.

Because the products were still available for purchase on one of the websites and via the video, we issued a cease and desist letter to the company through its owner. In the letter, we instructed the company to remove all references to NSF and its logo from all company web sites, social media sites, brochures, and literature. We also advised that continued and wrongful use of NSF's or other Federal logos or falsely claiming that NSF certified any product implicated several criminal statutes. Subsequently, the references to NSF certification and the NSF logo were removed from the active site and from the video.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.