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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Following NSF's termination of an award related to reverse-site visit findings, we opened an inquiry into violations of human subject regulations associated with an NSF grant awarded to a University. We subsequently received the University's Investigation report, which concluded the PI deviated from accepted practice and violated human subject protections by performing different survey work and using data that no longer met Institutional Review Board (IRB) exemption criteria without obtaining IRB approval. The report included documentation of the IRB's determination of serious noncompliance with human subject research regulations.

The University suspended the PI's permission to perform human subjects research and instituted corrective action. We determined the University's actions were adequate and sent a questionable research practice warning letter to the PI.

This case is closed with no further action taken.