



U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Office of Inspector General

Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-24-0058-O | August 11, 2025

We received an allegation of a prohibited whistleblower retaliation from a Complainant who claimed to have been removed from her position with an NSF subcontractor and had her contract prematurely completed after making disclosures about safety concerns at an NSF funded research facility. We investigated the allegation pursuant to our obligation under 41 U.S.C. § 4712 (the Act). We interviewed the Complainant and several employees of the subcontractor. We also subpoenaed and reviewed documents provided by the subcontractor.

We submitted a Report of Investigation. NSF found there was sufficient basis to conclude that subcontractor subjected the complainant to a prohibited reprisal and ordered the subcontractor to take actions consistent with its obligations under the Act.

This case is closed with no further action taken.