

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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Dear Ms. Santoro:

As a result of its inspection of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued one recommendation in its September 2015 inspection report. OGE recently conducted a follow-up review to determine whether NSF has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiency underlying the recommendation. OGE has determined that NSF has taken action sufficient to warrant closing the recommendation. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Findings	Status
1	Implement corrective action to ensure that non-PAS public financial disclosure reports are certified within 60 days of receipt.	NSF ethics officials were able to prioritize the timely certification of non-PAS public reports in 2016 as a result of adding an additional full-time employee to the ethics team in 2015. OGE examined the dates of certification on public reports filed in 2016. All reports OGE examined were certified timely.	Closed

I appreciate the courtesies extended to the OGE program review staff. If you would like to discuss the report, please contact me at 202-482-9224.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Christopher".

Dale Christopher
Deputy Director for Compliance