



National Science Foundation • Office of the Inspector General
4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite II-705, Arlington, Virginia 22230

16 August 2011

CONFIDENTIAL

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Dr. Michael Mann
Department of Meteorology
Pennsylvania State University
523 Walker Building
University Park, PA 16802

Dear Dr. Mann:

Our office has completed its investigation concerning an allegation of research misconduct. Our conclusion is that insufficient evidence exists to substantiate the allegation. This investigation is closed and no further action will be taken.

You may obtain a copy of the publicly-available closeout memorandum for this matter as follows, using reference number *A09120086*:

a. If the reference number begins with the letters A or I, the closeout memorandum will be available at <http://www.nsf.gov/oig/closeouts.jsp> within ten working days of this communication.

b. For all reference numbers, the closeout memorandum is also available under the Freedom of Information Act. You can find guidance on FOIA procedures in the attached document ("Obtaining a Closeout Memorandum or Investigation Report For An NSF OIG Case") or at <http://www.nsf.gov/oig/foia.jsp>. If you decide to make a FOIA request, include the above reference number in your request. Please do not include any personal identifiers such as names of individuals or NSF award numbers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James T. Kroll", is written over the typed name.

James T. Kroll, Ph.D.
Head, Administrative Investigations

Enclosure



National Science Foundation • Office of the Inspector General
4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite II-705, Arlington, Virginia 22230

August 16, 2011

Confidential

via Federal Express

Dr. Henry C. Foley
Vice President for Research, Dean of the Graduate School
Pennsylvania State University
304 Old Main
University Park, PA 16802-1504

Dear Dr. Foley:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has completed its investigation concerning allegations of research misconduct against Dr. Michael Mann. Accordingly, our office has now closed this case. If you have maintained records relevant to this case in accordance with our guidelines, please note that these no longer need be retained. We thank you and the University for the cooperation and assistance provided throughout the investigatory process.

You may obtain a copy of the publicly-available closeout memorandum for this matter as follows, using reference number A09120086:

a. If the reference number begins with the letters A or I, the closeout memorandum will be available at <http://www.nsf.gov/oig/closeouts.jsp> within ten working days of this communication.

b. For all reference numbers, the closeout memorandum is also available under the Freedom of Information Act. You can find guidance on FOIA procedures in the attached document ("Obtaining a Closeout Memorandum or Investigation Report For An NSF OIG Case") or at <http://www.nsf.gov/oig/foia.jsp>. If you decide to make a FOIA request, include the above reference number in your request. Please do not include any personal identifiers such as names of individuals or NSF award numbers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Kroll", is written over the typed name.

James T. Kroll, Ph.D.
Head, Administrative Investigations