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Dr. M. Shirkhazadeh  
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Dear Dr. Shirkhazadeh:

**Re: ATI Request 2009-05**

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) as follows:

"I am requesting a complete set of documents related to the first case of academic misconduct that is reported in the attached article entitled: "Scientist still getting federal funds despite misconduct finding". I am requesting a copy of the findings by NSERC, the university report on the case, and the recommendations made by the council and the NSERC's integrity committee."

Please find enclosed the documents that you have requested. You will note that several of the pages have been edited in accordance with subsection 19(1) of the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) that sets out a mandatory exemption for personal information as defined in Section 3 of the federal *Privacy Act*. To protect the identity of the researcher who was the subject of this administrative investigation, details have been withheld about the institution, the substance of the scientific proposal, references to published articles, and details of institution-specific policies and collective agreements. In addition, entire pages or portions of other pages flagged in blue have been exempted in accordance with section 23 of the ATIA that protects information subject to solicitor-client privilege.

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Sincerely,

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