Dear Science Colleague:

The Council of Scientific Society Presidents is an organization of the leaders of scientific and professional societies whose combined membership number is over one million scientists and science educators. Your professional society is a member of CSSP. Two matters have been brought to the attention of the Ethics Committee of CSSP. The first concerns repression of a federal scientist’s research by his agency because the topic of research was deemed a “sensitive issue”. The second issue concerns bias in accepting scientific results based on the source of funding of the research.

The CSSP Ethics Committee wishes to determine if these incidents are isolated in nature or are matters of broader concern. We are asking the membership of CSSP societies to send details of any examples to secretary@sciencepresidents.org. The names of individuals should be redacted to protect anonymity. The Committee would like to receive this information by June 26 to see if the development of a CSSP Policy Statement on either matter is warranted.

We appreciate your input on this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Kelly
Chair, CSSP Ethics Committee
CSSP Secretary