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Subject: RE: Comments on NSF Major Facilities Guide
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Dear Dr. Smith,

Thank you for taking the time and effort to respond during NSF's public comment period for the 2021 *Major Facilities Guide*. NSF's Large Facilities Office takes all input seriously and we will carefully consider yours below in combination with all other comments received.

Kind Regards,
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To Whom It May Concern:

In section 1.4.8 there is discussion of the legislation about Congressional notification. The footnote provides an apparent definition of divestment, which includes "moth-balling" of a facility. I would suggest that this definition be carefully reconsidered to exclude moth-balling

Furthermore I would suggest potentially distinguishing between the divestment of a FACILITY, as extensively discussed in this document) from the more general "divestment" (getting rid of) "any NSF capital asset" (which is not really the subject of the divestment discussions in this document, but is of course covered (as a separate item connected by "or") in the legislative language quoted in this section.

For example, immediately after the legislative language quote in 1.4.8, one could add something like...

In its discussion of the Divestment Stage of a facility life cycle (in sections 2.6 and 3.6, among others) this document provides guidance and procedures relating to the divestment of NSF-owned facilities covered by this legislative language. The divestment of "any NSF capital assets... valued greater than \$2,500,000" is discussed elsewhere in NSF policy and procedures.

Cheers,
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