Rule Statement
The Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) is committed to developing and maintaining ethical standards of research and scholarship for its researchers and staff.

Reason for Rule
This rule is required by System Regulation 15.99.03.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

TEES strives to maintain superior standards in all research and scholarship activities and expects employees and other persons participating in TEES research projects and/or support activities to do likewise.

2. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

2.1 The Associate Agency Director for Administration and Legal Affairs is the "Designated Officer" for carrying out the requirements of this Rule and System Regulation 15.99.03.

2.2 Any allegations of misconduct in TEES research or scholarship activities for non-faculty employees should be reported to the Associate Agency Director for Administration and Legal Affairs. Allegations involving faculty members fall under the employing system member’s procedures.

3. INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATION

3.1 The inquiry will be conducted by the Designated Officer or a committee/individual appointed by the Designated Officer. The inquiry is an informal fact finding to determine whether an allegation warrants an investigation.

3.2 If the inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted following the guidelines of System Regulation 15.99.03. The investigation will be conducted by a committee appointed
by the Designated Officer. The investigation is a formal examination of relevant facts to determine if misconduct has occurred.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements
Regulation 15.99.03, Ethics in Research and Scholarship

Definitions
Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in this rule shall have the meaning assigned by System Regulation 15.99.03.

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