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The Project Outcomes Report for the General Public is a new report, written by Principal Investigators (PIs) specifically for the public, to provide insight into the outcomes of National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded research. The America COMPETES Act (ACA) of 2007, Section 7010, requires that research outcomes and citations of published documents resulting from research funded, in whole or in part, by NSF be made available to the public in a timely manner and electronic format. The Project Outcomes Report is available to the public through Research.gov's Research Spending & Results service. Research Spending & Results provides transparent and open access to award information by offering a complete picture of the award, including: award details, award abstract at the time of award, citations of publications resulting from the award, and now the outcomes of funded research.

The Project Outcomes Report for the General Public is:

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- Describes the project outcomes or findings that address the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the work as defined in the NSF merit review criteria
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- Funded award amount
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- Nature and outcomes of the award

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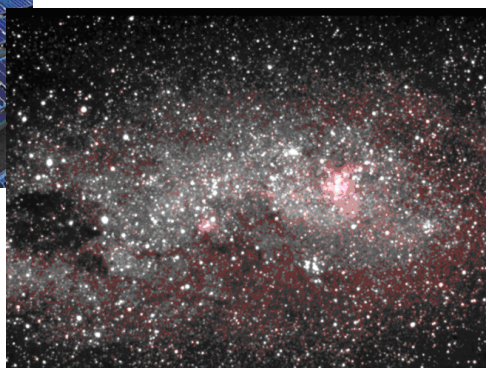

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