

**From:** [Moody, Dustin \(Fed\)](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Lily \(Fed\)](#); [Alperin-Sheriff, Jacob \(Fed\)](#); [internal-pqc](#)  
**Subject:** RE: We've decided to disqualify Theory of Mathematical Defense  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 3:31:03 PM

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Agreed. I will do the contacting the submitters, as before, for the final notifications.

Dustin

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Chen, Lily (Fed)" <lily.chen@nist.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, December 06, 2017 1:43 AM +0800  
**To:** "Alperin-Sheriff, Jacob (Fed)" <jacob.alperin-sheriff@nist.gov>, [internal-pqc](#) <[internal-pqc@nist.gov](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: We've decided to disqualify Theory of Mathematical Defense

Jacob,

Thanks. We do not need to contact this submitter until the time we send our decision to each submitting team, which I assume Dustin will prepare a few drafts based on our decisions on each submission (whether it is complete and proper.)

Lily

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**From:** Alperin-Sheriff, Jacob (Fed)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** [internal-pqc](#) <[internal-pqc@nist.gov](#)>  
**Subject:** We've decided to disqualify Theory of Mathematical Defense

Heads up (mainly to Dustin I guess) that Lily, Ray and I discussed the Theory of Mathematical Defense submission and based on what Ray and I had to say about it, Lily agreed that it was hopelessly incomplete and we shouldn't bother engaging anymore with the submitter (I was checking with her because I wasn't sure if I should send the submitter an email of the form "Neither the supporting documentation nor the submitted code appear to contain an algorithm. Please resubmit yadda yadda yadda". As such, I've marked it as "disqualified" on the spreadsheet, and we're down to 79.

—Jacob Alperin-Sheriff