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Dear Mr. Gasnier,

This is the final U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) response to your January 26, 2016, Request for Correction of Information submitted under the USGS Information Quality Guidelines. The request regarded the depiction of Coffee Creek on the following USGS 7.5-Minute Series topographic maps: Crossett North, AR; Crossett South, AR-LA; and Felsenthal Dam, AR-LA (we now use the two-letter State postal abbreviation AR for Arkansas instead of ARK). Documentation about the request may be viewed on our Web page at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/crossett_ar-la_and_felsenthal-dam_maps.html.

We have examined previous USGS topographic maps of the area, the record for the stream in both the Geographic Names Information System and the National Hydrography Dataset, as well as the field notes taken in the early 1970s during production of the 1:24,000-scale maps of the area. After this examination, we have determined that a decision must be made by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) regarding the source and location of Coffee Creek in Ashley County, Arkansas. The BGN is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names and their applications for use by the Federal Government, and BGN members must approve any change to a name or its application before it can appear on Federal maps and documents. Consequently, we have forwarded your correspondence to the Executive Secretary of the BGN for review.

Local acceptance of any name or name application change is important to the BGN, therefore the County Commissioners of Ashley County and the Arkansas Geographic Names Authority will be asked for their recommendations. After all interested parties have had an opportunity to comment, a proposal to change the current application of the name Coffee Creek will be presented to the BGN for a decision. The entire process is expected to take at least eight months, and you will be notified in writing as soon as the BGN's decision is rendered.

This final USGS response closes the request for correction you submitted through the USGS Information Quality Guidelines process as a decision on the merit of it now rests with the

BGN. If the BGN's decision warrants that changes be made to the USGS topographic maps cited in your request, we will let you know when you can anticipate the maps being updated, in accordance with the timing of the scheduled revision cycle for them.

Thank you for your interest in the geographic names of Arkansas. Please direct any questions you have with regard to obtaining updates on the BGN decision or the revision cycle for the cited topographic maps to bgnexec@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin T. Gallagher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin T. Gallagher
USGS Associate Director for Core Science Systems