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Dear Mr. Ruch:

This regards your letter to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) dated September 17, 2019. Your letter was an appeal to the USGS Final Response (dated September 3, 2019) to PEER's January 11, 2018, Request for Correction of Information submitted following the USGS Information Quality Guidelines process and under the Information Quality Act. Documentation related your original request, the USGS final response, and your appeal may be viewed on our web page at <https://www.usgs.gov/about/organization/science-support/office-science-quality-and-integrity/information-quality-6>.

This is to inform you that we will need time beyond what was stated in our acknowledgment letter dated September 24, 2019. We anticipate sending you the final USGS decision on the appeal within an additional 60 days of its September 17 receipt. We will seek your concurrence if additional time beyond January 17, 2020 is needed.

Sincerely,

Craig B. Robinson  
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