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Dear Mr. McAliley:

Thank you for your letter dated September 11, 2008 regarding "Complaint About Information Quality" about several U.S. Geological Survey documents including a press release and four (4) technical publications related to water supply and water quality in Miami-Dade County Florida.

Please consider this reply as our official notification of receiving your complaint. We will be following the guidelines published on http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual to evaluate your concerns. Within 60 calendar days of receipt, and after the appropriate science discipline has completed their evaluation, you will be notified of their conclusions. Due to the scope of your request, it may take longer than 60 calendar days to review and prepare all conclusions. If this becomes the case we will notify you. Once you are notified of the conclusions, there is an appeal process available to you if you are dissatisfied with the decisions regarding your inquiry. The procedure for this process is also found on the information quality website at the URL shown above.

If you have any questions regarding this evaluation process, please contact me at 703-648-5033 or sehammon@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Hammond
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