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Dear Mr. Ruch:

This relates to the May 18, 2016, Request for Correction of Information submitted under the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Information Quality Guidelines. The request regarded USGS Scientific Investigation Report 2015-5075: *Median Nitrate Concentrations in Groundwater in the New Jersey Highlands Region Estimated Using Regression Models and Land-Surface Characteristics* (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2015/5075/>). Documentation about the request may be viewed on our Web page at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/med_nitrate_concentrations_groundwater_nj_highlands_region.html.

This letter is to inform that we will need additional time beyond the 90 calendar days indicated in our May 20 letter to complete the evaluation and review of your request. We anticipate sending you a final response within the next 90 days but will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Sincerely,

Randall C. Orndorff
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