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Dear Mr. Caldarera:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) received your March 21, 2025, request for correction of information submitted under the Information [Data] Quality Act (IQA) regarding the correction of names of two water features in Clay County, Arkansas. The request stated that on the USGS maps Rankine Slough is identified as the Little River, and the Little River should instead be the next channel to the west. The Coordinates you provided for the confluence of the two features are N 36° 17' 50.23", W 90° 41' 55.25". Documentation related this request may be viewed on the USGS web page at <https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/information-quality-information-correction-request-19>.

USGS staff have reviewed your request and have confirmed you are correct. Rankine Slough runs from approximately 36° 19' 16.00" N, 90° 39' 44.00" W to approximately 36° 17' 52.23" N, 90° 41' 53.41" W, and the Little River runs from approximately 36° 20' 55.00" N, 90° 37' 33.00" W to approximately 36° 17' 41.23" N, 90° 43' 14.41" W. Thank you for pointing out the error.

USGS staff will update our databases to reflect the correct names and paths for Rankine Slough and the Little River. These changes should be reflected in map products and web services within approximately 60 days.

This letter serves as the final USGS response to close out your IQA request for correction. Thank you for your interest in the geographic names of Arkansas and for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Michael Tischler
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