

## **BAS-9L BAS Package Letter**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) to update our records regarding changes to legal boundaries, names, and governmental status of all governmental units effective on or before **January 1** of the survey year. This voluntary survey is an important opportunity for you to ensure that we have the correct boundary and legal name for your government. The Census Bureau will use the boundary information you provide to report data from Census programs and surveys.

**Enclosed are materials you requested to report boundary changes.  
Please keep these dates in mind when returning your submission.**

### **KEY DATES**

**January 1, 2016** All boundary changes must be legally in effect on or before this date to be reported under the BAS 2016.

**March 1, 2016** BAS submission date deadline for boundary updates to be reflected in the American Community Survey (ACS) and Population Estimates Program (PEP) published data. Boundary submissions by this date are also reflected in next year's BAS materials.

**May 31, 2016** BAS submission date deadline for boundary updates to be reflected in next year's BAS materials. Submissions after this date are not guaranteed to be reflected in next year's BAS materials.

The Census Bureau will attempt to include submitted street and landmark updates as resources permit.

Please note that your response to the BAS does not replace any state or county reporting requirements. Visit [http://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/bas/bas\\_state\\_requirements.html](http://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/bas/bas_state_requirements.html) for state reporting requirements.

The Census Bureau appreciates your response to this important voluntary survey. If you need any assistance with this request, please email [geo.bas@census.gov](mailto:geo.bas@census.gov)

(tribal [geo.aiana@census.gov](mailto:geo.aiana@census.gov)), telephone 1-800-972-5651 (tribal 1-800-796-3748), or visit <http://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/bas.html>.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures