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A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Census Bureau is currently conducting the Boundary Validation Program (BVP) in conjunction with the 2020 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). The BAS is conducted annually to collect information about selected legally defined geographic areas, such as counties (and equivalent areas), incorporated places, minor civil divisions (MCDs), all federally recognized American Indian reservations and off-reservation trust land entities in the United States, and municipios, barrios and subbarrios in Puerto Rico. The BVP is conducted every ten years to provide the highest elected or appointed officials of local governments an opportunity to review the boundary data collected during the BAS over the last decade.

The BVP validates the following actions by local governmental units, as reported in the BAS:

- The creation of newly incorporated places and MCDs
- The creation of new counties, and the addition of new federally recognized American Indian areas (AIAs)
- The dissolution of incorporated places and MCDs
- The changes in the boundaries of incorporated places, MCDs, counties, barrios, subbarrios, municipios, consolidated cities, and AIAs

The Census Bureau's state boundary data will be reviewed in conjunction with relevant counties boundaries as part of the BVP. No action on the BVP is required by you. Final review and validation of Census Bureau boundary data will be complete in July 2020. The Census Bureau will use the validated boundary information to tabulate data from the 2020 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey.

If you have questions regarding the BVP or BAS, please email <geo.bas@census.gov>, telephone (1-800-972-5651), or visit our website at <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bas.html>>.

Enclosures

We estimate that completing this program will take a total of 2 hours on average. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to <geo.bas@census.gov>. This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight digit OMB approval number that appears at the upper left of the letter confirms this approval. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey. The Census Bureau conducts this program under the legal authority of the Title 13 U.S. Code, Section 6.