



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
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April 28, 2011

Dr. Samuel Galaviz-Moreno
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Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Dr. Galaviz-Moreno:

This responds to your request for correction filed with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) pursuant the Information Quality Act (IQA) received by NOAA on March 3, 2011. Specifically, you have requested that NOAA review and modify information appearing on its Tucson weather forecast office website showing the location of Tropical Storm Kirsten's landfall in the year 1966. You believe that this information is incorrect in light of other available information indicating that Tropical Storm Kirsten caused damage approximately 200 miles further north.

In order to implement the requirements of the IQA, NOAA has published IQA Guidelines (http://www.cio.noaa.gov/Policy_Programs/info_quality.html) which, among other things, address what information disseminated by NOAA is subject to the requirements of IQA, including the provisions addressing administrative correction of agency disseminated information. The IQA Guidelines include a listing of specific categories of NOAA information that are not subject to the IQA. Included in this list of excluded information is "Archival information disseminated by NOAA before October 1, 2002, and still maintained by NOAA as archival material." In the instant case, the information that you have requested NOAA to correct falls into this category. Specifically, it was disseminated by NOAA before October 1, 2002 and NOAA now maintains the information as archival material. Therefore, per NOAA's IQA Guidelines, the information at issue is not subject to the requirements of the IQA including its administrative correction provisions. For this reason, your request for correction is denied.

You may file a written appeal of this denial as outlined in Part III.D.1. of the NOAA IQA Guidelines within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter. An appeal of an initial denial must include: the requester's name, current home or business address, and telephone number or electronic mail address (in order to ensure timely communication); a copy of the original request and any correspondence regarding the initial denial; and a statement of the reasons why the requester believes the initial denial was in error.



Your appeal must be submitted to:

NOAA Section 515 Officer
NOAA Executive Secretariat
Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 5230
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iftikhar Jamil", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Iftikhar Jamil
Chief Information Officer

Cc: Sarah Brabson
Glenn Tallia