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<b>Withdrawn FIPS</b>	<b>Replacement Standard<sup>1</sup></b>
<p>FIPS 5-2 (May 28, 1987) -- Codes for the Identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the Outlying Areas of the United States, and Associated Areas <b>Withdrawn September 2, 2008.</b></p>	<p>INCITS 38 – 2009 -- Information technology - Codes for the Identification of the States and Equivalent Areas within the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Insular Areas. For more information on the status of this standard, contact: <a href="mailto:geo.geography@census.gov">geo.geography@census.gov</a>.</p>
<p>FIPS 6-4 (August 31, 1990) -- Counties and Equivalent Entities of the U.S., Its Possessions, and Associated Areas <b>Withdrawn September 2, 2008.</b></p>	<p>INCITS 31 – 2009 -- Information technology - Codes for the Identification of Counties and Equivalent Areas of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Insular Areas. For more information on the status of this standard, contact: <a href="mailto:geo.geography@census.gov">geo.geography@census.gov</a>.</p>
<p>FIPS 8-6 (March 1995) -- Metropolitan Areas (Including MSAs, CMSAs, PMSAs, and NECMAs) <b>Withdrawn February 8, 2005.</b></p>	<p>INCITS 454 – 2009 -- Information technology - Codes for the Identification of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Related Statistical Areas of the United States and Puerto Rico. For more information on the status of this standard, contact: <a href="mailto:geo.geography@census.gov">geo.geography@census.gov</a>.</p>
<p>FIPS 9-1 (November 30, 1990) -- Congressional Districts of the U.S. <b>Withdrawn February 8, 2005.</b></p>	<p>INCITS 455 – 2009 -- Information technology - Codes for the Identification of Congressional Districts and Equivalent Areas of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Insular Areas. For more information on the status of this standard, contact: <a href="mailto:geo.geography@census.gov">geo.geography@census.gov</a>.</p>
<p>FIPS 10-4 (April 1995) -- Countries, Dependencies, Areas of Special Sovereignty, and Their Principal Administrative Divisions <b>Withdrawn September 2, 2008.</b></p>	<p>A USG stakeholder group is presently developing a US Profile of ISO 3166 -- Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions. For more information on the status of this activity, contact <a href="mailto:pfgchair@nga.mil">pfgchair@nga.mil</a>.</p>
<p>FIPS 55-DC3 (December 1994) -- Guideline: Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas <b>Withdrawn February 8, 2005.</b></p>	<p>The general website is <a href="http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html">http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html</a> where one has numerous choices such as searching, downloading, etc.</p> <p>The specific URL for obtaining the GNIS Feature ID cross-referenced to the old FIPS 55 code is our download site where the specific URL is <a href="http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/download_data.htm">http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/download_data.htm</a>. At this site, one should use State Files With Federal Codes where the GNIS Feature ID is provided cross referenced to old FIPS 55 codes along with other internal and unofficial</p>

<sup>1</sup> To purchase copies of these INCITS standards, see: <http://www.techstreet.com/incitsgate.tmpl>

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codes from other agencies. As you are aware, on January 1, 2006 the FIPS 55 Code was replaced by the GNIS Feature ID as the official Federal reference to named entities (all named entities except roads & highways). Also, in late 2009, the GNIS Feature ID along with the feature name and location became an ANSI Standard, and which is related at the website. The old FIPS 55 code is now an unofficial internal code at the Bureau of the Census, but reflected at this website, the official website for the official reference to named entities (except roads & highways).

The specific URL for searching GNIS (the Geographic Names Information System - GNIS, the nation's official geographic names repository) is <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic> where retrievals can be accomplished based upon various criteria. Once information is retrieved in columnar form, one must click on each name individually to view the full entry where are located the Federal Codes (retrievals only). There is also an advanced function where one can search using an after date function, etc.

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