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The attached map conveys the status of the domestic geographical names data compilation program in the United States. The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is being compiled in two distinct phases. The first phase is complete for States and areas under United States jurisdiction, and entailed the collection of most feature names printed on the 1:24,000-scale topographic maps published by the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Forest Service as well as the charts of the National Ocean Service. The second phase is a long-term project to gather additional names information from other State and local materials, as well as a wide variety of historical documents. This project is being accomplished on a State-by-State basis.

Traditionally, when a state file had completed all phases of data compilation, that State's volume of the National Gazetteer of the United States (conventional version) would be scheduled for publication. That aspect of this program has been temporarily suspended pending review and evaluation since these data are readily available on compact disk and at the domestic geographic names web site on internet (please refer to the Digital Gazetteer and Internet papers).

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