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Dear Dr. LeHuray:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) received your of your letter dated August 4, 2014 regarding an appeal of the final USGS response (dated July 18, 2014) to the Pavement Coatings Technology Council's request for correction of information (dated September 18, 2013), submitted under the USGS Information Quality Guidelines. Documentation related to the appeal, as well as the original request, and links to the cited USGS publications, may be viewed on our Web page at [http://www.usgs.gov/info\\_qual/cancer\\_risk\\_coal-tar-sealed\\_pavement.html](http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/cancer_risk_coal-tar-sealed_pavement.html).

This is to inform that we will need to extend the time for responding to the appeal request beyond what was indicated in our August 5 letter. Your appeal will be evaluated by a panel of independent scientists not involved in the development of either the products you cited or the final USGS response that was appealed. Additional time than anticipated is needed to select the appropriate panel members and confirm their availability to serve on the panel and to subsequently evaluate the appeal. We anticipate sending you a response to the appeal within 60 days. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill

Director

USGS Office of Science Quality and Integrity