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Dear Mr. Kurfirst:

This is in reply to your September 18, 2013 email regarding an "Information Quality Act Request for Correction of Information" about the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) publication titled "Cancer Risk from Incidental Ingestion Exposures to PAHs Associated with Coal-Tar-Sealed Pavement," (Refer to the USGS citation view for the publication at <http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/70042684>). Your request also cited a related News Release titled "Proximity to Coal-Tar-Sealed Pavement Raises Risk of Cancer, Study Finds," March 28, 2013 (<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3538>) and USGS Science Feature - Top Story Blog titled "You're Standing on It! Health Risks of Coal-Tar Pavement Sealcoat," March 28, 2013 (http://www.usgs.gov/blogs/features/usgs_top_story/youre-standing-on-it-health-risks-of-coal-tar-pavement-sealcoat/).

Please consider this reply as the official notification of USGS receipt of your request for information correction. We will be following the USGS guidelines at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual to evaluate and respond to your request. Within 60 calendar days you will be notified of our response. We will inform you if additional time beyond the 60 days is needed to respond.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill, Ph.D.

Director

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