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Dear Dr. LeHuray:

Regarding U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) receipt of the April 8, 2014 email from Mr. Leonard S. Kurfirst of Surdyk & Baker on behalf of the Pavement Coatings Technology Council, subject: "Appeal to the USGS Response to two Requests for Correction of Information Submitted under U.S. Geological Survey Information Quality Guidelines." In a June 26, 2014 email, Mr. Kurfirst identified you the new point of contact for any future communications from the USGS related to these the two requests for correction of information related to three USGS publications (Web Site, Press Release, and Fact Sheet) on the topic of Coal Tar Sealants.

This is to inform that we will need to extend the time for responding to the appeal request beyond what was indicated in our June 10 letter. The panel has not completed its evaluation of the appeal. The USGS Director will provide our final response to the appeal. We anticipate sending a response to the appeal within 60 days. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Documentation related to the appeal, as well as the original requests, may be viewed on our Web page at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/coal_tar_sealants.html.

We appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

RK Kolb, Deputy Director, OSQI

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