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Dear Mr. Kurfirst:

This regards your May 15 and May 31, 2013 emails regarding two requests for correction of information about U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) publications on the same subject. Information related to your two requests, as well as links to the USGS publications you cited, may be viewed on our Web page at [http://www.usgs.gov/info\\_qual/coal\\_tar\\_sealants.html](http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/coal_tar_sealants.html).

We regret to inform you that we will need to further extend the time for responding to your two requests beyond what we indicated in our July 10 letter. The additional time is needed to complete the evaluation process and get the necessary reviews and approval our draft response to your requests. We anticipate sending you a response within an additional 60 days or by no later than mid-November 2013. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Thank you. We appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill  
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