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Dear Dr. LeHuray:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) received an 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." Documentation about the requests, including the appeal and the USGS response that was appealed, may be viewed on our Web page at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/coal_tar_sealants.html.

This is to inform you that we will need to further extend the time for responding to the appeal request beyond what was indicated in our May 8, 2015 letter. We are in the process of reconciling comments received from the Department of the Interior and Office of Management and Budget review of the draft USGS response. We anticipate sending you a response to the appeal within 90 days, likely sooner within this timeframe than later.

We appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Rama K. Kotra
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