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Dear Mr. Kurfirst:

This relates to your September 18, 2013, email regarding a 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." The request also cites a related USGS news release and blog posting. Information related to the request, as well as links to the USGS publications you cited, 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).

We are informing you that we will need to extend the time for responding to the request beyond what was indicated in our January 23 letter. The extra time is needed to complete the necessary reviews and approval of our draft response. We anticipate sending you a final response within an additional 60 days. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Thank you. We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill  
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