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Dear Mr. Kurfirst:

This relates to 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 the two requests, as well as links to the USGS publications cited in the requests, 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 the requests beyond what we indicated in our September 13 letter. The additional time is needed to complete the necessary reviews and approval of our draft response to the requests. We anticipate sending you the final response within an additional 60 days or by no later than mid-January 2014. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill  
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