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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." 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.

This is to inform that we will need to further extend the time for responding to the appeal request beyond what was indicated in our August 7 letter. The panel has completed its evaluation of the appeal and has prepared their recommendations which must be reviewed by appropriate USGS, Department of the Interior, and Office of Management and Budget officials prior to the response being submitted. We anticipate sending you a response to the appeal within 60 days. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

We appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill

Director

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