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Dear Mr. Kurfirst:

This acknowledges U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) receipt of your April 8, 2014 email, regarding "Appeal to the USGS Response to two Requests for Correction of Information Submitted under U.S. Geological Survey Information Quality Guidelines" for three publications (Web Site, Press Release, and Fact Sheet) on the topic of Coal Tar Sealants. Documentation related to the appeal, as well as the original requests, and links to the cited USGS publications, may be viewed on our Web page at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/coal_tar_sealants.html.

We anticipate sending you the USGS decision on your appeal within 60 days of its receipt. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill
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