

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 4631

July 28, 2009

By U.S. Mail and Facsimile to (717) 763-6402

Stephen J. Schnoor Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Harsco Corporation P.O. Box 8888 Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17001-8888

Re: Harsco Corporation
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A

Filed March 19, 2009 File No. 001-03970

Dear Mr. Schnoor:

We have reviewed your letter dated June 30, 2009 and have the following comment.

## **Definitive Proxy Statement Filed March 19, 2009**

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1. We note your response to comment two in our letter dated April 28, 2009 that Towers Perrin takes into account the size of the Company and its lines of business by using regression analysis to adjust the database information such that the market data provided to the Compensation Committee corresponds to organizations and business units of similar size but that the regression analysis does not produce a readily identifiable subset of companies. It appears that a peer group is indeed identified when the market data provided corresponds to organizations and business units of similar size. Please provide further explanation.

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Sincerely,

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