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Mail Stop 4270

August 13, 2009

Mr. Gabriel Tirador
President and Chief Executive Officer
Mercury General Corporation
4484 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010

Re: **Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Filed on March 2, 2009 and amended on March 13, 2009
Definitive Proxy Statement filed on March 31, 2009
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2009
Filed on May 8, 2009
File No. 001-12257**

Dear Mr. Tirador:

We have completed our review of your filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Riedler
Assistant Director