

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

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P. Anthony Lannie
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**Re:** Apache Corporation

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

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Dear Mr. Lannie:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall Assistant Director