



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

March 5, 2010

Anthony C. Weagley
President and Chief Executive Officer
Center Bancorp, Inc.
2455 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

**Re: Center Bancorp, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
File No. 000-11486**

Dear Mr. Weagley:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Christian Windsor
Special Counsel