

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

Mail Stop 7010

November 29, 2006

Mr. Keith R. Phillips Wellman Inc. 1041 521 Corporate Center Drive Fort Mill, South Carolina 29715

RE: Wellman, Inc.

Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

Filed March 15, 2006

File # 1-10033

Dear Mr. Phillips:

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

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please direct them to Tricia Armelin, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3747, or in her absence, to me at (202) 551-3689.

Sincerely,

John Hartz Senior Assistant Chief Accountant