

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

Mail Stop 4631

December 1, 2009

Mallorie Burak Chief Accounting Officer Southwall Technologies, Inc. 3788 Fabian Way Palo Alto, California 94303

Re: Southwall Technologies, Inc.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

File No. 0-15930

Dear Ms. Burak:

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 further questions regarding our review of your filings, please direct them to Bret Johnson, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3753 or, in his absence, to the undersigned at (202) 551-3689.

Sincerely,

John Hartz Senior Assistant Chief Accountant