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March 20, 2006

Gary L. Castagna, Chief Financial Officer
Amcol International Corporation
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1500 West Shure Drive, Suite 500
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Re: Amcol International Corporation
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004
Filed March 31, 2005
Form 10-K/A for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004
Filed April 29, 2005
Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2005
Filed August 1, 2005
Response Letters Dated February 1, 2006 and March 14, 2006
File No. 001-14447

Dear Mr. Castagna:

We have reviewed your Form 10-K and Form 10-K/A for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004, Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2005 and response letters and have the following comments. We have limited our review of your filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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Note (8) Income Taxes, page F-16

1. We note your response to comment two of our letter dated February 23, 2006. Please confirm the \$1,205,000 in professional fees associated with amended federal income tax returns did not include fees owed to your independent accountant. In your response, confirm that your independent accountant remains independent and is in compliance with the qualifications of Article 2-01 of Regulation S-X for the periods included in its audit report. Please refer to Article 2-01(c)(5) for further guidance regarding contingency fee arrangements.

Closing Comments

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

You may contact Ryan Milne at (202) 551-3688, or Shannon Buskirk at (202) 551-3717, if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact me at (202) 551-3684 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

April Sifford
Branch Chief

cc: Mr. Ryan Milne
Ms. Shannon Buskirk