



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0302

June 13, 2012

Via E-mail

Mr. Garrett E. Pierce  
Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer  
Orbital Sciences Corporation  
21839 Atlantic Boulevard  
Dulles, VA 20166

**Re: Orbital Sciences Corporation  
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010  
Filed February 28, 2011  
File No. 1-14279**

Dear Mr. Pierce:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Littlepage for

Larry Spigel  
Assistant Director