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

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Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile

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**Re: Newfield Exploration Company  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008  
Filed February 27, 2009  
File No. 1-12534**

Dear Mr. Rathert:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall  
Assistant Director