



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

July 11, 2012

Via E-mail

Gordon M. Nixon  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Bank of Canada  
200 Bay Street, Royal Bank Plaza  
Toronto, Ontario Canada M5J 2J5

**Re: Royal Bank of Canada  
Form 40-F for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2010  
Filed December 3, 2010  
Form 40-F for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2011  
Filed December 2, 2011  
File No. 001-13928**

Dear Mr. Nixon:

We have completed our review of your filings. 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 filings 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 filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin W. Vaughn for

Suzanne Hayes  
Assistant Director