



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

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

August 25, 2010

Daniel G. Darazsdi  
Chief Financial Officer  
Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc.  
929 North Front Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

**Re:    Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc.  
      Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009  
      Filed February 26, 2010  
      Schedule 14A filed April 1, 2010  
      File Number: 000-27570**

Dear Mr. Darazsdi:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Riedler  
Assistant Director