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Mail Stop 6010

June 28, 2006

Mr. John F. Welch  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
CNA Surety Corporation  
CNA Center  
Chicago, IL 60685

**Re: CNA Surety Corporation  
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005  
Filed on February 27, 2006  
File No. 001-13277**

Dear Mr. Welch:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jim Atkinson  
Accounting Branch Chief