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Mail Stop 4720

September 30, 2009

Mr. John F. Corcoran  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
CNA Surety Corporation  
333 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

**Re: CNA Surety Corporation  
Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2008  
Filed on February 17, 2009  
Schedule 14A  
Filed on March 19, 2009  
File No. 001-13277**

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and of your Schedule 14A and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Riedler  
Assistant Director