

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

December 16, 2010

Mr. James E. Levine Chief Financial Officer Verenium Corporation 55 Cambridge Parkway Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

> Re: Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2009 Form 10-Q for the Period Ended September 30, 2010 Definitive 14A filed April 30, 2010 File No. 0-29173

Dear Mr. Levine:

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

Sincerely,

Rufus Decker Accounting Branch Chief