



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

Mail Stop 4631

June 25, 2009

Mr. William J. Federici  
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.  
101 Gordon Drive  
PO Box 645  
Lionville, PA 19341-0645

**RE: West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008  
Filed February 26, 2009  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed March 26, 2009  
File #1-8036**

Dear Mr. Federici:

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

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please direct them to Edward M. Kelly, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-3728, Pamela A. Long, Assistant Director, at (202) 551-3765 or, in their absence, to the undersigned at (202) 551-3768.

Sincerely,

John Cash  
Accounting Branch Chief