



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

January 19, 2012

Via E-Mail

Mr. William J. Lyons  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Consol Energy Inc.  
1000 Consol Energy Drive  
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317

**Re: Consol Energy Inc**  
**Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010**  
**Filed February 10, 2011**  
**Response Letter Dated January 17, 2012**  
**File No. 001-14901**

Dear Mr. Lyons:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brad Skinner

H. Roger Schwall  
Assistant Director