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

September 22, 2011

Via E-mail

Alan P. Niedzwiecki  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide, Inc.  
17872 Cartwright Road  
Irvine, CA 92614

**Re: Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed September 9, 2011  
File No. 333-176772**

Dear Mr. Niedzwiecki:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have addressed in our comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. Where you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Exhibit 5.1

1. The legality opinion should speak as of the date of effectiveness. Accordingly, please remove "as of the date hereof" and "and has" from assumption (i) in the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of the opinion. Similarly, please remove the language "as of the date hereof" and "after the date hereof or as to facts relating to prior events that are subsequently brought to my attention" from the second to last paragraph on page 2.
2. Investors are entitled to rely upon the legality opinion. Please revise the last paragraph on page 2 accordingly.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in

possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

Please contact J. Nolan McWilliams at (202) 551-3217 or me at (202) 551-3642 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loan Lauren P. Nguyen

Loan Lauren P. Nguyen  
Special Counsel