



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

July 13, 2012

Via E-Mail

Mr. Frank Wood
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.
One Alpha Place
P.O. Box 16429
Bristol, Virginia 24209

Re: Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
Filed February 29, 2012
File No. 001-32331

Dear Mr. Wood:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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 filing 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 filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian K. Bhandari for

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Senior Assistant Chief Accountant