



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

February 19, 2013

Via E-mail

Mr. Lamar M. Chambers
Chief Financial Officer
Ashland Inc.
50 East River Center Boulevard
Covington, Kentucky 41012

RE: Ashland, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Year Ended September 30, 2012
Filed November 19, 2012
File No. 1-32532

Dear Mr. Chambers:

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/ Rufus Decker

Rufus Decker
Accounting Branch Chief