



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

November 1, 2012

Via E-mail

Mr. James Cowan  
Chief Executive Officer  
American Railcar Industries, Inc.  
100 Clark Street  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

**Re: American Railcar Industries, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011**  
**Filed March 2, 2012**  
**Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012**  
**Filed August 3, 2012**  
**File No. 000-51728**

Dear Mr. Cowan:

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/ Linda Cvrkel

Linda Cvrkel  
Branch Chief