



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4628

January 29, 2018

Sam L. Banks
Chief Executive Officer
Yuma Energy, Inc.
1177 West Loop South, Suite 1825
Houston, TX 77027

Re: Yuma Energy, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed January 16, 2018
File No. 333-222566

Dear Mr. Banks:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Anuja A. Majmudar, Attorney-Advisor, at 202-551-3844 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy S. Levenberg

for H. Roger Schwall
Assistant Director
Office of Natural Resources

cc: Reid A. Godbolt, Esq.
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