

January 22, 2010

Mail Stop 3010

Mr. Steven B. Waters
Vice President
National Partnership Investments Corp.
55 Beattie Place, PO Box 1089
Greenville, SC 29602

RE: **Real Estate Associates Limited III**
 Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008
 Filed March 31, 2009
 Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2009
 Filed August 13, 2009
 File No. 0-10673

Dear Mr. Waters:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Kristi Marrone
Staff Accountant