



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

January 27, 2020

Neil M. Koehler  
Chief Executive Officer  
Pacific Ethanol, Inc.  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2060  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Pacific Ethanol, Inc.**  
**Registration Statement on Form S-1**  
**Filed January 21, 2020**  
**File No. 333-235990**

Dear Mr. Koehler:

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 Ada D. Sarmento at 202-551-3798 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Life Sciences

cc: Larry A. Cerutti, Esq.