

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

February 10, 2012

Via E-mail
Mr. David H. Welch
President and Chief Executive Officer
Stone Energy Corporation
625 E. Kaliste Saloom Road
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

**Re:** Stone Energy Corporation

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

Filed March 3, 2011 File No. 1-12074

Dear Mr. Welch:

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/H. Roger Schwall

H. Roger Schwall Assistant Director