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May 8, 2009

Mr. Mark C. Rohr
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Albemarle Corporation
451 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

**RE: Albemarle Corporation
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed March 31, 2009
File No. 001-12658**

Dear Mr. Rohr:

We have completed our review of your definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filing, please contact Hagen Ganem, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3330 or me at (202) 551-3397.

Sincerely,

Jay Ingram
Legal Branch Chief