

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

Mail Stop 4631

October 13, 2009

## Via U.S. mail and facsimile

Mr. James M. Rutledge Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Clean Harbors, Inc. 42 Longwater Drive Norwell, MA 02061-9149

> RE: Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2009 Definitive Proxy Statement on Form 14A filed April 7, 2009

> > File No. 001-34223

Dear Mr. Rutledge:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding our review of your filings, you may contact Sherry Haywood, Attorney, at (202) 551-3345 or, in her absence, Jay Ingram, Legal Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3397 regarding legal matters. Please contact Lisa Haynes, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3424 or, in her absence, the undersigned at (202) 551-3689 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

John Hartz Senior Assistant Chief Accountant