

Mail Stop 3561

January 11, 2010

Ms. Diane S. Button
Chief Executive Officer
Cactus Ventures, Inc.
123 West Nye Lane
Suite 129
Carson City, NV 89706

**Re: Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
File No. 000-52446**

Dear Ms. Button:

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

Sincerely,

Brian K Bhandari
Branch Chief
Office of Beverages, Apparel and
Health Care Services