

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

August 14, 2012

<u>Via E-mail</u> Larry W. Seay Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Meritage Homes Corporation 17851 North 85th Street, Suite 300 Scottsdale, AZ 85255

> Re: Meritage Homes Corporation Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2011 Filed February 24, 2012 File No. 001-09977

Dear Mr. Seay:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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 filing 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 filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Pamela Long

Pamela Long Assistant Director

cc: Jeff Beck (*via E-mail*) Snell & Wilmer LLP