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February 17, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 17, 2004

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE -----	0-11688 -----	95-3889638 -----
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Lakepointe Centre I, 300 E. Mallard, Suite 300 Boise, Idaho	83706 -----
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(208) 331-8400  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Exhibit 99 Press Release, dated February 17, 2004, entitled "AMERICAN  
ECOLOGY POSTS SOLID FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS OF \$3.1 MILLION"

ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 17, 2004, the Company issued a press release entitled "AMERICAN  
ECOLOGY POSTS SOLID FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS OF \$3.1 MILLION". The press  
release, dated February 17, 2004, is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by  
reference herein.

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SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: February 17, 2004

By: /S/ James R. Baumgardner

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James R. Baumgardner  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

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