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February 19, 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 18, 2004

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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| DELAWARE<br>-----<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | 0-11688<br>-----<br>(Commission File Number) | 95-3889638<br>-----<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification Number) |
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| Lakepointe Centre I,<br>300 E. Mallard, Suite 300<br>Boise, Idaho<br>-----<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) | 83706<br>-----<br>(Zip Code) |
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(208) 331-8400  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On February 19, 2004, the Company issued a press release entitled "U.S. Court of Appeals Affirms Judgment against Nebraska in Low-Level Radioactive Waste Lawsuit". The press release, dated February 19, 2004, is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 99 Press Release, dated February 19, 2004, entitled "U.S. Court of Appeals Affirms Judgment against Nebraska in Low-Level Radioactive Waste Lawsuit"

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 19, 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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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit      Description  
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