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December 03, 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): December 2, 2004

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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

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

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

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ITEM 5.02(d). ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

On December 2, 2004 the Company issued a press release titled "RICHARD RIAZZI APPOINTED TO AMERICAN ECOLOGY BOARD" disclosing that Richard Riazzi has been appointed to the Company's Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Mr. Riazzi was also appointed Chairman of the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee and named a member of the Company's Audit Committee. There is no prior arrangement or understanding surrounding Mr. Riazzi's appointment, and there have also been no prior transactions between Mr. Riazzi and the Company.

A copy of the press release is attached as exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 99 Press Release, dated December 2, 2004, entitled "RICHARD RIAZZI APPOINTED TO AMERICAN ECOLOGY BOARD "

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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: December 3, 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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