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Form 8-K  
December 13, 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 10, 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<br>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>(Address of principal executive offices) | 83706<br>-----<br>(Zip Code) |
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(208) 331-8400  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 2.06 MATERIAL IMPAIRMENTS

On December 10, 2004 the Company issued a press release titled "AMERICAN ECOLOGY INCREASES SHEFFIELD, ILLINOIS CLOSURE, POST-CLOSURE RESERVE" disclosing that a \$715,000 charge would be recorded in the Fourth Quarter.

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

Exhibit 99 Press Release, dated December 10, 2004, entitled "AMERICAN ECOLOGY INCREASES SHEFFIELD, ILLINOIS CLOSURE, POST-CLOSURE RESERVE"

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SIGNATURES  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: December 10, 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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