

HICKEY ROGER P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HICKEY ROGER P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP [ECOL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
300 E. MALLARD, SUITE 300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/07/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Former Director

BOISE, ID 83706

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/07/2004                           | 10/07/2004   | S                              | 743 D \$ 11.25  | 28,800  | I  | By Children                       |
| Common Stock                    | 10/07/2004                           | 10/07/2004   | S                              | 9,100 D \$ 11.05  | 10,791 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/07/2004                           | 10/07/2004   | S                              | 3,000 D \$ 11.08  | 10,791  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/07/2004                           | 10/07/2004   | S                              | 700 D \$ 11.09  | 10,791  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/07/2004                           | 10/07/2004   | S                              | 2,400 D \$ 11.1   | 10,791  | D  |                                   |

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|              |            |            |   |       |   |          |        |   |
|--------------|------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/07/2004 | 10/07/2004 | S | 9,400 | D | \$ 11.15 | 10,791 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/07/2004 | 10/07/2004 | S | 2,757 | D | \$ 11.25 | 10,791 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/08/2004 | 10/08/2004 | S | 5,586 | D | \$ 11.05 | 10,791 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/08/2004 | 10/08/2004 | S | 2,900 | D | \$ 11.1  | 10,791 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HICKEY ROGER P  
300 E. MALLARD, SUITE 300  
BOISE, ID 83706

Former Director

## Signatures

Roger P. Hickey 10/11/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Mr. Hickey also owns 17,500 stock options with various terms

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