

TETRA TECH INC  
Form NT 10-K  
December 17, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 12b-25**

**NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**  
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For Period Ended:      October 3, 2004

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**PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

TETRA TECH, INC.  
Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

3475 East Foothill Boulevard  
Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

Pasadena, California 91107  
City, State and Zip Code

**PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.



**PART III NARRATIVE**

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

As a result of the events summarized below, Tetra Tech, Inc. (the Company) will be unable to file its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended October 3, 2004 by the December 17, 2004 due date without unreasonable effort or expense. Accordingly, the Company is extending the filing of its Annual Report on Form 10-K pursuant to Rule 12b-25 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Rule 12b-25).

In a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on December 17, 2004, the Company announced that it would seek a 15-day extension of the filing deadline for its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 3, 2004 pursuant to Rule 12b-25, in order to finalize its restated prior year financial statements.

This filing was based on the December 15, 2004 meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the Audit Committee) at which the Audit Committee and the management of the Company concluded that the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2001, September 29, 2002 and September 28, 2003 should no longer be relied upon. The Audit Committee agreed with management of the Company that the Company will have to restate its financial statements and related information therein for the fiscal years 2001 through 2003 primarily to reflect the appropriate accounting treatment for certain legal proceedings described in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 17, 2004. These accounting adjustments will not adversely affect the Company's fiscal 2004 operating results.

In December 2002, a Washington County Court in Bartlesville, Oklahoma rendered a judgment for \$4.1 million and unquantified legal fees against the Company in a contract dispute with Horsehead Industries, Inc., doing business as Zinc Corporation of America (ZCA). Prior to this judgment, in April 2002, the Court dismissed with prejudice the Company's counter-claims relating to receivables due from ZCA and other costs. In February 2004, the Court ordered the Company to pay ZCA approximately \$2.6 million in attorneys' and consultants' fees and expenses, together with post-judgment interest. The Company recorded a \$4.1 million reserve related to this judgment in fiscal 2002. The Company has posted bonds and filed appeals with respect to the judgment and the associated award for fees and expenses, and is also pursuing other legal alternatives related to the case.

In a separate matter, the Company had a net receivable of \$1.0 million from a Washington-based company as of September 30, 2002 relating to a design and construction contract. Disputes arose during fiscal 2001 and fiscal 2002, and although the Company is continuing its attempts to recover amounts directly from the contractor and third parties, it is unclear whether these efforts will be successful.

The Company's restatements result from a determination that certain charges related to the matters described above should have been recorded primarily in fiscal 2002 and, to a lesser extent, in fiscal 2001 and fiscal 2003. The Company is also finalizing its evaluation of several other minor issues and expects to complete its work shortly. The Company expects that the aggregate effect on income, net of tax, will range from \$3.0 million to \$5.0 million during the three-year period. Accordingly, the previously issued financial statements for these periods should no longer be relied upon. These adjustments are subject to audit by the Company's prior independent auditors.

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2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.
  3. A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.
  4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.
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