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Form 8-K
August 26, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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) AUGUST 26, 2004

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-5823	36-6169860
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

CNA CENTER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	60685
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312)822-5000

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On August 26, 2004, Registrant issued a press release announcing its preliminary estimate of net losses related to Hurricane Charley. The press release is furnished as exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued August 26, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K).

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date August 26, 2004

/s/ Robert V. Deutsch

(Signature)*

By: Robert V. Deutsch
Its: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

*Print name and title of the signing officer under his signature.