

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
GILBERG MICHAEL J

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)
05/16/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP & Controller

BOISE, ID 83706

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2005	05/16/2005	M		8,000	\$ 4.5	40,000	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)

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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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Common Stock Option	\$ 3					02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	8,967
Common Stock Option	\$ 4.5	05/16/2005	05/16/2005	M	8,000 <u>(1)</u>	02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	22,462
Common Stock Option	\$ 6.5					02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	21,099

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILBERG MICHAEL J 300 E. MALLARD, SUITE 300 BOISE, ID 83706			VP & Controller	

Signatures

Michael J. Gilberg 05/16/2005

**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) Transaction represents exercise of 8,000 options.

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