

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC.

Form 8-K

July 10, 2018

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): July 10, 2018

Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-36557	51-0105665
(State or other Jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of Incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)

4640 Trueman Boulevard,

Hilliard, Ohio 43026

43026

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 658-0050

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

As of July 10, 2018, Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) has resolved the previously disclosed investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) regarding the Company’s historical accounting practices. As part of a settlement with the SEC, the Company consented to the entry of an administrative order without admitting or denying the findings therein. The order requires the Company to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of certain provisions of the federal securities laws and the rules promulgated thereunder and to pay a civil monetary penalty of \$1 million to the SEC. The Company previously accrued an expense for the penalty amount during the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

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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.

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC.

July 10, 2018 By: /s/ Scott A. Cottrill

Name: Scott A. Cottrill

Title: EVP, CFO & Secretary