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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): December 11, 2008

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 0-11688 95-3889638
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Lakepointe Centre I, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite

300 83706

Boise, Idaho

(Address of principal executive (Zip Code)

offices)

(208) 331-8400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Item 9.01.

On December 12, 2008, American Ecology Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Board of Directors approving an extension of the Company's stock repurchase program from December 31, 2008 to February 28, 2009 unless extended, canceled or modified. On October 28, 2008, the Board authorized the Company to repurchase up to 600,000 shares, or about 3%, of its outstanding common stock.

The Company also announced that it has entered into a prearranged stock repurchase plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "10b5-1 Plan") to facilitate the repurchase program. Under the 10b5-1 Plan, our third party broker will have the authority to repurchase the Company's shares in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, in accordance with the terms of the plan. The 10b5-1 Plan will permit repurchases commencing January 12, 2009 through February 28, 2009, unless the plan is terminated earlier in accordance with its terms. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

(d) Exhibits	
Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	American Ecology Corporation press release dated December 12, 2008.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: December 12, 2008 By: /S/ Jeffrey R.

Feeler

Jeffrey R. Feeler

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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