Gerratt Eric L Form 4 January 05, 2009

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gerratt Eric L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP

[ECOL]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009

300 E. MALLARD DRIVE, SUITE

(State)

300

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

VP and Controller

10% Owner

Other (specify

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

BOISE, ID 83706

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

1,350 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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar	
Common Stock Option	\$ 23.48					12/06/2008	12/06/2017	Common Stock	5,000	
Common Stock Option	\$ 20.27					08/08/2008	08/08/2017	Common Stock	6,66	
Common Stock Option	\$ 20.63	01/02/2009		A	10,000	01/02/2010(1)	01/02/2019	Common Stock	10,00	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VP and Controller

Gerratt Eric L

300 E. MALLARD DRIVE

SUITE 300

BOISE, ID 83706

Signatures

Eric L. Gerratt 01/05/2009

**Signature of Person Date

**Reporting Person

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) Options vest in 1/3 increments on 1/2/10, 1/2/11 and 1/2/12.

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