

AVALON HOLDINGS CORP

Form 8-K

August 26, 2016

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) August 26, 2016

AVALON HOLDINGS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio	1-14105	34-1863889
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One American Way, Warren, Ohio 44484

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 856-8800

(Former name and address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On August 26, 2016, AWMS Water Solutions, LLC, AWMS Holdings, LLC and AWMS Rt. 169 (collectively “AWMS” or the “Company”), wholly owned subsidiaries or companies in which Avalon Holdings Corporation has managerial control, filed a complaint in the Eleventh Appellate District Court in Trumbull County, Ohio for a Peremptory Writ of Mandamus to compel the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to initiate appropriations procedures to determine damages from the illegal regulatory taking of the Company’s property, or issue an alternative remedy at law. As previously reported, on September 3, 2014, the Chief of ODNR’s Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (the “Division”), temporarily suspended the operations at the Company’s injection well, AWMS #2, while they prepared a state-wide policy on induced seismicity.

There is currently no implemented state-wide policy on induced seismicity and operations of AWMS #2 are still suspended. The ODNR has refused to communicate with the Company regarding the status and requirements of any policymaking. The Company believes that the actions, and lack of responsible actions, by ODNR, which were triggered by a seismic event that presented no hazard or risk to any individual or to the environment, is a clear violation of the Company’s property rights and a violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution; Article I, Section 19 of the Ohio Constitution; and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 163. The Company intends to vigorously pursue the Complaint and obtain due process and fair compensation.

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.

AVALON HOLDINGS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

DATED: August 26, 2016

By: /s/ Bryan P. Saksa
Bryan P. Saksa
Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer