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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December 2007

Commission File Number: 001-15248

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kléber

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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PRESS RELEASE

**Veolia Energy finalises the acquisition of Thermal North America, Inc.,
the largest portfolio of district heating and cooling networks in the United States**

Paris 13 december 2007. Veolia Energy has finalized the acquisition of Thermal North America, Inc., the largest portfolio of district heating and cooling networks in the United States.

With projected revenue of USD 425 million in 2007, Thermal North America, Inc., is present in various regional markets acting on the leading edge of environmental stewardship, particularly the Northeast and California. It notably owns and operates heating networks in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Atlanta, Kansas City, Trenton, St Louis, Oklahoma City and Tulsa and several cooling networks in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The company employs 450 people and operates 3500 MW of thermal capacity, 520 MW of cooling capacity and 245 MW of electrical capacity. In addition to the distribution of heat and cooling, Thermal North America, Inc. also has power generation (through cogeneration) and comprehensive building management services.

The transaction positions Veolia Environnement in the world's largest energy services market at a time when higher energy costs and changes in US environmental regulations are expected to create new opportunities.

Veolia Energy's objective in the United States is to drive double-digit annual growth in revenue over the next five years by leveraging the company's expertise in its core business, which is to provide integrated energy solutions that deliver energy savings, promote renewable energy and capitalise on its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the relevant markets. The plan involves expanding networks – especially cooling networks, which offer strong potential in city centres – upgrading production plants, and broadening service solutions to current and future customers, such as hospitals, large production plants and big property developments.

Veolia Energy is already present in North America through Dalkia, which acquired the steam distribution network in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2005. In February 2006, Dalkia signed a partnership agreement with Gaz Metro to develop district heating networks in Canada. Under the agreement, Dalkia owns and operates Montreal's district heating network, one of the biggest in North America.

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Veolia Environnement, through its Veolia Energy division, is the leading European provider of energy services to local authorities and businesses. Since its creation, it has focused on energy and environmental optimization. It meets customer expectations by delivering customised, end-to-end solutions to ensure comfortable living and efficient energy supply, including management of heating systems and energy and industrial fluid production facilities, energy plant engineering and maintenance services, technical services for commercial and industrial building operation, and global building management services. With 48,800 employees in 38 countries, Dalkia (Veolia Energy division) reported managed revenue of 6.1 billion in 2006.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 14, 2007

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Alain Tchernonog
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Title: General Secretary