

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2005

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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 13, 2005

**AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-11688  
(Commission File Number)

95-3889638  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

Lakepointe Centre I,  
300 E. Mallard, Suite 300  
Boise, Idaho  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

83706  
(Zip Code)

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

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Contract**

On December 13, 2005 American Ecology Corporation amended the Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank in order to increase the commitment amount to \$15,000,000 and the letter of credit sub-limit to \$8,000,000, as well as extend the maturity to June 15, 2008.

A copy of the Amendment is attached as Exhibit 10.51 and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 10.51      First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between American Ecology Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank

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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.

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORPORATION  
*(Registrant)*

Date: December 14, 2005

By: /s/ James R. Baumgardner  
James R. Baumgardner  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer,  
Secretary and Treasurer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <u>Exhibit</u>       | <u>Description</u>   |
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