

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

February 9, 2004

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kléber

75116 Paris, France

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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Yes No

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PRESS RELEASE

**US FILTER UNIT OF VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT ANNOUNCES
SALE OF FARMLAND IN CALIFORNIA**

6 February 2004 United States Filter Corporation, a unit of Veolia Environnement, announced today that it has entered into an agreement to sell farmland in California's Imperial Valley to the Imperial Irrigation District (IID). The sale price will be \$77.3 million in cash.

The IID provides irrigation water drawn from the Colorado River to Imperial Valley farms. The Imperial Valley is the largest user of Colorado River water in California. Earlier this year, the IID entered into a series of agreements with several other water districts in Southern California intended to facilitate the conservation and transfer of agricultural water to urban users. The sale represents another step toward implementation of the strategic refocusing of Veolia Environnement's North American water operations announced on September 24th, 2003. After the disposal of Everpure, last November, the sale of farmland in California is consistent with Veolia Environnement's strategy to concentrate its efforts on developing its expertise in municipal outsourcing services and long-term contracts for both municipal and industrial customers.

Important Disclaimer.

Veolia Environnement is a corporation listed on the NYSE and Euronext Paris. This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations or beliefs and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These factors and uncertainties include in particular risks related to customary provisions of divestiture transactions as well as those described in the documents Veolia Environnement has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Veolia Environnement does not undertake, nor does it have, any obligation to provide updates or to revise any forward-looking statements. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of documents filed by Veolia Environnement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from Veolia Environnement.

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Press release also available on our web site: <http://veoliaenvironnement-finance.com>

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: February 9, 2004

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Jérôme Contamine
Name: Jérôme Contamine
Title: Chief Financial Officer