AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Gerratt Eric L Issuer Symbol AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP (Check all applicable) [ECOL] 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 300 E. MALLARD DRIVE, SUITE 08/14/2008 VP and Controller 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **BOISE, ID 83706**

(Chij)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/14/2008		M	3,333	A	\$ 20.27	1,500	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2008		S	3,333	D	\$ 32.45	1,500	D	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option	\$ 20.27	08/14/2008		M	3,333	08/08/2008	08/08/2017	Common Stock	3,333
Common Stock Option	\$ 23.48					12/06/2008	12/06/2017	Common Stock	5,000

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 08/18/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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