UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20540

Washington, D.C. 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): February 8, 2005

McDONALD'S CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **1-5231** (Commission File Number) **36-2361282** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One McDonald's Plaza Oak Brook, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)

60523

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 623-3000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 8, 2005, McDonald s Corporation (the "Company") issued an investor release reporting the Company s January 2005 sales. The investor release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is attached hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- Investor Release of McDonald's Corporation issued
 February 8, 2005:
 McDonald's Starts 2005 Strong; January Sales Up 8.3%

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SIGNATURE

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.

McDONALD'S CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: February 9, 2005

By: <u>/s/ Peter J. Bensen</u> Peter J. Bensen Corporate Vice President -Assistant Controller

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ExhibitInvestor Release of McDonald's Corporation issuedNo. 99February 8, 2005:
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