

STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2003

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

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FORM 8-K

Current Report Filed Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported): March 20, 2003

Sterling Chemicals, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	000-50132	76-0502785
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1200 Smith Street, Suite 1900  
Houston, Texas 77002-4312  
(Address of principal  
executive offices  
and zip code)

(713) 650-3700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 7. Exhibits

- Exhibit 99.1 -- Monthly Operating Report for Sterling Chemicals, Inc. for February 2003.
- Exhibit 99.2 -- Monthly Operating Report for Sterling Chemicals Energy, Inc. for February 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 20, 2003, Sterling Chemicals, Inc. and its subsidiary Sterling Chemicals Energy, Inc. filed Monthly Operating Reports with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, in Houston, Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court"). Copies of the Monthly Operating Reports are filed herewith as Exhibits and contain unaudited financial information that is subject to future reconciliations and adjustments that may materially affect stockholders' equity (deficit).

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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.

Date: March 20, 2003

By: /s/ RICHARD K. CRUMP

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Richard K. Crump, Chief Executive Officer

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