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June 08, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 - June 7, 2004
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 1-14064

Delaware

(State of Incorporation)

11-2408943

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

(Address of principal
executive offices)

10153

Zip Code

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 572-4200

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On June 7, 2004, we were notified that we have been added as a defendant in litigation brought by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York with respect to the Blydenburgh landfill in Islip, New York. The Blydenburgh matters are described under Item 1 (Legal Proceedings) of Part II of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004. We and certain other potentially responsible parties continue to be in discussions with the State regarding possible settlement of the matter. Furthermore, while no assurance can be given as to the ultimate outcome, management continues to believe that the Blydenburgh matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Sara E. Moss

Name: Sara E. Moss

Title: Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

Dated: June 8, 2004

