

SMITH A O CORP
Form 8-K
September 14, 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
(Date of earliest
event reported): September 13, 2004

A. O. Smith Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-475 | 39-0619790 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

P.O. Box 245008, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9508

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(414) 359-4000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 13, 2004, A. O. Smith Corporation (the Company) issued a news release reducing the Company's third quarter and full year earnings estimates. A copy of the Company's news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report) and is incorporated by reference herein.

On September 14, 2004, the Company will hold a Conference Call at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time in connection with the Company's announcement reducing the third quarter and full year earnings estimates.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable.

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- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed herewith:
 - (99.1) News Release of A. O. Smith Corporation, dated September 13, 2004.

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.

A. O. SMITH CORPORATION

Date: September 13, 2004

By: */s/ Kenneth W. Krueger*

Kenneth W. Krueger
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K Dated September 13, 2004.

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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