## UNITED STATES 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): January 5, 2009

## **CLEAN HARBORS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-16379** (Commission File Number) 04-2997780 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

42 Longwater Drive, Norwell, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

**02061-9149** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (781) 792-5000

Not Applicable

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

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# Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective January 5, 2009, Eugene A. Cookson, Jr. resigned from his position of Executive Vice President – Business Line Management of Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clean Harbors, Inc.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Clean Harbors, Inc. (Registrant)

January 6, 2009

/s/ James M. Rutledge Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer