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): July 31, 2019

CLEAN HARBORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34223 (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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
on Stock, \$0.01 par value	CLH	New York Stock Exchange
on Stock, \$0.01 par value	CLH	New York Stock E

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 31, 2019 Clean Harbors, Inc. ("the Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's results of operations for the second quarter ended June 30, 2019. A copy of that press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

<u>Item 9.01</u> Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Description

Press Release dated July 31, 2019

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)

July 31, 2019 /s/ Michael L. Battles

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Press Release

Clean Harbors Announces Second-Quarter 2019 Financial Results

- · Increases Q2 Revenues 2% to \$868.7 Million
- · Reports Net Income of \$36.2 Million, or \$0.65 per Diluted Share; Adjusted EPS of \$0.66
- · Delivers 7% Increase in Q2 Adjusted EBITDA to \$149.8 Million on Solid Increases in Environmental Services and Safety-Kleen Segments
- · Improves Adjusted EBITDA Margin by 80 Basis Points to 17.2%
- · Raises 2019 Adjusted EBITDA Guidance Range to \$520 Million to \$550 Million; Increases Midpoint of Adjusted Free Cash Flow Guidance to \$210 Million

NORWELL, Mass. — **July 31, 2019** — Clean Harbors, Inc. ("Clean Harbors") (NYSE: CLH), the leading provider of environmental, energy and industrial services throughout North America, today announced financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2019.

"We delivered a strong second-quarter performance and extended our positive momentum with our seventh consecutive quarter of profitable growth," said Alan S. McKim, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We generated 2% top-line growth in the quarter with a corresponding 7% increase in Adjusted EBITDA. As a result, our Adjusted EBITDA (see description below) margin grew by 80 basis points from a year ago to 17.2%, which represents our highest margin in nearly three years. We experienced strong contributions to profitability from both our Environmental Services and Safety-Kleen segments."

Second-quarter revenues increased to \$868.7 million from \$849.1 million in the same period of 2018. Income from operations grew 14% to \$73.0 million from \$64.4 million in the year-earlier quarter.

Net income for the second quarter of 2019 was \$36.2 million, or \$0.65 per diluted share. This compares with net income for the same period in 2018 of \$30.7 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share. Adjusted for certain items in both periods, adjusted net income was \$36.9 million, or \$0.66 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2019 compared with adjusted net income of \$30.8 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, in the same period of 2018. (See reconciliation table below)

Adjusted EBITDA in the second quarter of 2019 increased 7% to \$149.8 million from \$139.6 million in the same period of 2018.

"In our Environmental Services segment, Adjusted EBITDA increased 8% on modest top-line growth, resulting in a 120-basis-point margin improvement," McKim said. "This sizable growth in margins reflected higher pricing in our disposal network along with a better mix of high-value waste streams. Incineration utilization was 82% for the quarter, down from a year ago, mostly due to a heavy schedule of turnaround days. More than offsetting that decline in utilization was a 15% increase in our average price per pound year-over-year, as we continued to focus on driving higher-margin volumes into our network. This segment also benefitted from cost-reduction initiatives and operational efficiencies.



"Within our Safety-Kleen segment, revenue increased 4% through growth in a majority of our core branch offerings, pricing initiatives and higher production levels at our re-refineries," McKim said. "On the strength of productivity gains and streamlining operations, we improved Q2 margins in Safety-Kleen to 26% with Adjusted EBITDA for the segment increasing 9%. Waste oil collection remained strong at 63 million gallons and we achieved an average charge-for-oil basis for those volumes."

Business Outlook and Financial Guidance

"We enter the second half of 2019 with continued confidence about our prospects for profitable growth for the full year," McKim said. "Our optimistic outlook is derived from a combination of positive industry trends, momentum in several of our key businesses and ongoing Company initiatives. Within Environmental Services, we have a strong backlog of waste in our collection network and anticipate a lower number of incineration down days in the back half of the year compared with the first six months. We continue to see opportunities for high-value waste streams due to activities within U.S. chemical and manufacturing sectors, and we have some large projects kicking off in the third quarter. Our industrial, field and energy-related service businesses are all contributing to the year-over-year performance improvement in that segment.

"Within Safety-Kleen, our branch network remains a reliable source of steady growth in its core offerings," McKim said. "In the second quarter, Safety-Kleen Oil rebounded from a challenging start to the year, and we expect that momentum to continue in the back half of 2019. Our re-refineries are running well and are on track to achieve our targeted base oil production of more than 150 million gallons this year. In light of the potential positive impact of IMO 2020, we plan to have our plants running at record output levels by year-end.

"Given the favorable near-term outlook for both our Environmental Services and Safety-Kleen segments, we expect Adjusted EBITDA in both the third and fourth quarters of 2019 to grow in the mid- to high-single digit range compared with prior-year periods. Overall, we continue to anticipate a strong year of profitable growth and margin expansion driven by pricing, mix, cross-selling and increased efficiencies," McKim concluded.

Based on its year-to-date financial performance and current market conditions, Clean Harbors raised its guidance range and currently expects full-year 2019 Adjusted EBITDA in the range of \$520 million to \$550 million. On a GAAP basis, the Company's guidance is based on anticipated 2019 net income in the range of \$82 million to \$115 million. Clean Harbors also raised the low end of its guidance range for adjusted free cash flow and currently expects adjusted free cash flow in the range of \$200 million to \$220 million, which is based on anticipated 2019 net cash from operating activities in the range of \$390 million to \$430 million.

Non-GAAP Results

Clean Harbors reports Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure and should not be considered an alternative to net income or other measurements under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), but viewed only as a supplement to those measurements. Adjusted EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, and therefore the Company's measurement of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Clean Harbors believes that Adjusted EBITDA provides additional useful information to investors since the Company's loan covenants are based upon levels of Adjusted EBITDA achieved and management routinely evaluates the performance of its businesses based upon levels of Adjusted EBITDA. The Company defines Adjusted EBITDA in accordance with its existing revolving credit agreement, as described in the following reconciliation showing the differences between reported net income and Adjusted EBITDA for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 (in thousands):



		For the Three M	Month	ıs Ended:		For the Six Months Ended:					
	June	30, 2019		June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019			June 30, 2018			
Net income	\$	36,244	\$	30,747	\$	37,220	\$	18,116			
Accretion of environmental liabilities		2,560		2,448		5,134		4,878			
Depreciation and amortization		74,217		72,760		149,572		147,604			
Other expense (income), net		564		(846)		(2,419)		(547)			
Interest expense, net		20,215		20,769		39,979		41,039			
Provision for income taxes		16,025		13,683		22,002		16,736			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	149,825	\$	139,561	\$	251,488	\$	227,826			
Adjusted EBITDA Margin		17.2%	_	16.4%		15.2%		14.2%			

This press release includes a discussion of net income and earnings per share adjusted for the impacts of tax-related valuation allowances as identified in the reconciliations provided below. The Company believes that discussion of these additional non-GAAP measures provides investors with meaningful comparisons of current results to prior periods' results by excluding items that the Company does not believe reflect its fundamental business performance. The following shows the difference between net income to adjusted net income, and earnings per share to adjusted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

		For the Three I	Month	s Ended:	For the Six Months Ended:				
	Ju	ne 30, 2019		June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019			June 30, 2018	
Adjusted net income									
Net income	\$	36,244	\$	30,747	\$	37,220	\$	18,116	
Tax-related valuation allowances and other		656		40		4,762		6,101	
Adjusted net income	\$	36,900	\$	30,787	\$	41,982	\$	24,217	
Adjusted earnings per share									
Earnings per share	\$	0.65	\$	0.54	\$	0.66	\$	0.32	
Tax-related valuation allowances and other		0.01		0.00		0.09		0.11	
Adjusted earnings per share	\$	0.66	\$	0.54	\$	0.75	\$	0.43	

Adjusted Free Cash Flow Reconciliation

Clean Harbors reports adjusted free cash flow, which it considers to be a measurement of liquidity that provides useful information to investors about our ability to generate cash. The Company defines adjusted free cash flow as net cash from operating activities excluding cash impacts of items derived from non-operating activities, such as taxes paid in connection with divestitures, less additions to property, plant and equipment plus proceeds from sale and disposal of fixed assets. Adjusted free cash flow should not be considered an alternative to net cash from operating activities or other measurements under GAAP. Adjusted free cash flow is not calculated identically by all companies, and therefore our measurement of adjusted free cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

An itemized reconciliation between net cash from operating activities and adjusted free cash flow is as follows (in thousands):

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		For the Three M	Ionths	Ended:	For the Six Months Ended:					
	June	30, 2019	June 30, 2018			June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018		
Adjusted free cash flow										
Net cash from operating activities	\$	108,730	\$	77,767	\$	138,470	\$	129,670		
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(59,425)		(49,897)		(118,372)		(94,139)		
Proceeds from sale and disposal of fixed assets		3,068		1,843		7,389		2,641		
Adjusted free cash flow	\$	52,373	\$	29,713	\$	27,487	\$	38,172		

Adjusted EBITDA Guidance Reconciliation

An itemized reconciliation between projected net income and projected Adjusted EBITDA is as follows (in millions):

	For the Year Ending December 31, 2019					
Projected GAAP net income	\$82	to	\$115			
Adjustments:						
Accretion of environmental liabilities	10	to	10			
Depreciation and amortization	300	to	290			
Interest expense, net	80	to	78			
Provision for income taxes	48	to	57			
Projected Adjusted EBITDA	\$520	to	\$550			

Adjusted Free Cash Flow Guidance Reconciliation

An itemized reconciliation between projected net cash from operating activities and projected adjusted free cash flow is as follows (in millions):

	For the Year Ending December 31, 2019						
Projected net cash from operating activities	\$390	to	\$430				
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(200)	to	(220)				
Proceeds from sale and disposal of fixed assets	10	to	10				
Projected adjusted free cash flow	\$200	to	\$220				

Conference Call Information

Clean Harbors will conduct a conference call for investors today at 9:00 a.m. (ET) to discuss the information contained in this press release. During the call, management will discuss Clean Harbors' financial results, business outlook and growth strategy. Investors who wish to listen to the webcast and view the accompanying slides should visit the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.cleanharbors.com. The live call also can be accessed by dialing 201.689.8881 or 877.709.8155 prior to the start time. If you are unable to listen to the live conference call, the webcast will be archived on the Company's website.



About Clean Harbors

Clean Harbors (NYSE: CLH) is North America's leading provider of environmental, energy and industrial services. The Company serves a diverse customer base, including a majority of Fortune 500 companies. Its customer base spans a number of industries, including chemical, energy and manufacturing, as well as numerous government agencies. These customers rely on Clean Harbors to deliver a broad range of services such as end-to-end hazardous waste management, emergency spill response, industrial cleaning and maintenance, and recycling services. Through its Safety-Kleen subsidiary, Clean Harbors also is North America's largest re-refiner and recycler of used oil and a leading provider of parts washers and environmental services to commercial, industrial and automotive customers. Founded in 1980 and based in Massachusetts, Clean Harbors operates throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. For more information, visit www.cleanharbors.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Any statements contained herein that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are generally identifiable by use of the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "plans to," "estimates," "projects," "may," "likely," or similar expressions. Such statements may include, but are not limited to, statements about future financial and operating results, and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based upon the beliefs and expectations of Clean Harbors' management as of this date only and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially including, without limitation, those items identified as "Risk Factors" in Clean Harbors' most recently filed Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. Therefore, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Clean Harbors undertakes no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements other than through its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which may be viewed in the "Investors" section of Clean Harbors' website at www.cleanharbors.com.

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CLEAN HARBORS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

		For the Three M	Aonths	Ended:		For the Six Months Ended:				
	Jı	ıne 30, 2019		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018		
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Revenues	\$	868,678	\$	849,140	\$	1,649,517	\$	1,598,918		
Cost of revenues (exclusive of items shown separately below)		594,933		583,584		1,159,297		1,130,009		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		123,920		125,995		238,732		241,083		
Accretion of environmental liabilities		2,560		2,448		5,134		4,878		
Depreciation and amortization		74,217		72,760		149,572		147,604		
Income from operations		73,048		64,353		96,782		75,344		
Other (expense) income, net		(564)		846		2,419		547		
Interest expense, net		(20,215)		(20,769)		(39,979)		(41,039)		
Income before provision for income taxes		52,269		44,430		59,222		34,852		
Provision for income taxes		16,025		13,683		22,002		16,736		
Net income	\$	36,244	\$	30,747	\$	37,220	\$	18,116		
Earnings per share:			-		-		-			
Basic	\$	0.65	\$	0.55	\$	0.67	\$	0.32		
Diluted	\$	0.65	\$	0.54	\$	0.66	\$	0.32		
Shares used to compute earnings per share — Basic		55,875		56,410		55,861		56,304		
Shares used to compute earnings per share — Diluted		56,066		56,505		56,001		56,399		



CLEAN HARBORS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	 June 30, 2019	Dece	nber 31, 2018
Current assets:			_
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 204,455	\$	226,507
Short-term marketable securities	55,198		52,856
Accounts receivable, net	632,888		606,952
Unbilled accounts receivable	52,174		54,794
Deferred costs	22,500		18,770
Inventories and supplies	203,331		199,479
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	 42,640		42,800
Total current assets	 1,213,186		1,202,158
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,596,917		1,561,978
Other assets:			
Operating lease right-of-use asset	173,504		_
Goodwill	525,044		514,189
Permits and other intangibles, net	433,853		441,875
Other	12,817		18,121
Total other assets	1,145,218		974,185
Total assets	\$ 3,955,321	\$	3,738,321
Current liabilities:	 		
Current portion of long-term obligations	\$ 7,535	\$	7,535
Accounts payable	253,177		276,461
Deferred revenue	75,170		61,843
Accrued expenses	224,497		233,405
Current portion of closure, post-closure and remedial liabilities	30,747		23,034
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	42,564		
Total current liabilities	 633,690		602,278
Other liabilities:			
Closure and post-closure liabilities, less current portion	62,339		60,339
Remedial liabilities, less current portion	101,019		107,575
Long-term obligations, less current portion	1,562,989		1,565,021
Operating lease liabilities, less current portion	130,704		_
Deferred taxes, unrecognized tax benefits and other long-term liabilities	255,113		233,352
Total other liabilities	 2,112,164		1,966,287
Total stockholders' equity, net	 1,209,467	-	1,169,756
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,955,321	\$	3,738,321



CLEAN HARBORS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

		For the Six M				
Cash flows from operating activities:	Ju	me 30, 2019	<u>J</u>	une 30, 2018		
Net income	\$	37,220	\$	18,116		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:	ψ	57,220	Ψ	10,110		
Depreciation and amortization		149,572		147,604		
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(2,233)		7,389		
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt discount		2,000		1,881		
Accretion of environmental liabilities		5,134		4,878		
Changes in environmental liability estimates		(748)		(673)		
Deferred income taxes		(1,636)		(10)		
Other income, net				(547)		
,		(2,419) 9,643				
Stock-based compensation				6,639		
Environmental expenditures		(6,134)		(4,585)		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions		(12.204)		(60.764)		
Accounts receivable and unbilled accounts receivable		(13,284)		(62,764)		
Inventories and supplies		(4,129)		(18,625)		
Other current and non-current assets		(10,706)		180		
Accounts payable		(20,915)		23,605		
Other current and long-term liabilities		(2,895)		6,582		
Net cash from operating activities		138,470		129,670		
Cash flows used in investing activities:						
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(118,372)		(94,139)		
Proceeds from sale and disposal of fixed assets		7,389		2,641		
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(29,479)		(123,750)		
Additions to intangible assets including costs to obtain or renew permits		(1,923)		(2,106)		
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale securities		26,518		11,214		
Purchases of available-for-sale securities		(24,001)		(10,001)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(139,868)		(216,141)		
Cash flows used in financing activities:						
Change in uncashed checks		(3,514)		(2,803)		
Tax payments related to withholdings on vested restricted stock		(4,980)		(2,175)		
Repurchases of common stock		(11,272)		(26,482)		
Deferred financing costs paid				(468)		
Payments on finance lease		(259)		` —		
Principal payments on debt		(3,768)		(2,000)		
Net cash used in financing activities		(23,793)		(33,928)		
Effect of exchange rate change on cash		3,139		(1,932)		
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(22,052)		(122,331)		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		226,507		319,399		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	204,455	\$	197,068		
Supplemental information:	Ψ	204,433	Ψ	137,000		
Cash payments for interest and income taxes:	¢	20.260	¢	40,745		
Interest paid	\$	39,369	\$			
Income taxes paid		12,697		14,118		
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		27 772				
Operating each flows from operating leases		27,773		_		
Operating cash flows from finance lease		612		_		
Financing cash flows from finance lease		259		<u> </u>		
Non-cash investing activities:		4.4.05		10.011		
Property, plant and equipment accrued		14,103		13,041		
ROU assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities		5,575				
ROU asset obtained in exchange for new finance lease liability		23,027		_		



Supplemental Segment Data (in thousands)

						For the Three M	1ont	hs Ended:						
			Jui	ne 30, 2019		_	June 30, 2018							
			ersegment		Intersegment									
_	7	Third Party		Revenues		Direct		Third Party	Revenues		Direct			
Revenue		Revenues	(Expense), net			Revenues		Revenues		(Expense), net		Revenues		
Environmental Services	\$	526,294	\$	36,782	\$	563,076	\$	519,916	\$	34,898	\$	554,814		
Safety-Kleen		342,182		(36,198)		305,984		328,715		(34,280)		294,435		
Corporate Items		202		(584)		(382)		509		(618)		(109)		
Total	\$	868,678	\$	_	\$	868,678	\$	849,140	\$		\$	849,140		

						For the Six M	Iontl	s Ended:							
			Ju	ne 30, 2019			June 30, 2018								
	-	Third Party	Intersegment Revenues Direct					Third Party		ersegment Revenues		Direct			
Revenue		Revenues		xpense), net		Revenues		Revenues		pense), net		Revenues			
Environmental Services	\$	999,992	\$	72,106	\$	1,072,098	\$	959,604	\$	67,657	\$	1,027,261			
Safety-Kleen		648,729		(70,268)		578,461		638,633		(66,234)		572,399			
Corporate Items		796		(1,838)		(1,042)		681		(1,423)		(742)			
Total	\$	1,649,517	\$		\$	1,649,517	\$	1,598,918	\$		\$	1,598,918			

	For the Three M	/Iontl	ns Ended:	For the Six Months Ended:						
Adjusted EBITDA	June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018			
Environmental Services	\$ 117,868	\$	109,199	\$	207,378	\$	170,616			
Safety-Kleen	79,459		73,069		134,252		134,953			
Corporate Items	(47,502)		(42,707)		(90,142)		(77,743)			
Total	\$ 149,825	\$	139,561	\$	251,488	\$	227,826			