

CLEAN HARBORS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 23, 2010

**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): **September 21, 2010**

**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.)

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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.

(d) Election of new director.

On September 21, 2010, the board of directors of Clean Harbors, Inc. (the "Company") increased the number of directors from 10 to 11 and elected Edward G. Galante as an additional Class I director whose term of office will expire at the Company's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders. The board also appointed Mr. Galante to serve as a member of the board's Corporate Governance Committee.

Mr. Galante, 59, retired in 2006 after more than 30 years with Exxon Mobil Corporation. Most recently he served as a Senior Vice President and member of the Management Committee. His principal responsibilities included the worldwide Downstream business: Refining & Supply, Fuels Marketing, Lubricants and Specialties and Research and Engineering. He also was responsible for Exxon Mobil's corporate Public Affairs and Safety, Health and Environmental activities.

A native of Inwood, New York, Mr. Galante received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University. He serves as a Vice Chairman of Northeastern's Board of Trustees and as an Executive-in-Residence in its College of Business Administration. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX), where he sits on the Compensation & Management Development and the Governance & Nominating committees; Foster Wheeler Ltd. (NASDAQ: FWLT), where he sits on the Audit and Governance and Nominating committees; Junior Achievement Worldwide; and the United Way Foundation of Dallas.

There was no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Galante and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director of the Company. Mr. Galante is not a party to any transaction or any proposed transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. In his capacity as a non-employee director of the Company, Mr. Galante will be entitled to receive compensation paid to other non-employee directors, a description of which is incorporated by reference to pages 14-15 of the Company's definitive proxy statement dated April 5, 2010 for the Company's most recent annual meeting of shareholders.

### 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)

September 23, 2010

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

