

Nalco Holding CO  
Form 8-K  
September 22, 2005

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**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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: September 22, 2005

**NALCO HOLDING COMPANY**

Delaware 001-32342 16-1701300  
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1601 W. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60563

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 21, 2005, Nalco Holding Company announced it was shutting down operations at two manufacturing plants in Texas in advance of Hurricane Rita. Details are included in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and that is incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01(c) Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated September 21, 2005, relating to the shutdown of two Texas manufacturing facilities due to the threat of Hurricane Rita.

**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.

NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

/s/ Stephen N. Landsman  
Secretary

Date: September 22, 2005

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