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March 25, 2004

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): MARCH 22, 2004

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-13175 (Commission File Number)	74-1828067 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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ONE VALERO PLACE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)	78212 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (210) 370-2000

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On March 22, 2004, Valero Energy Corporation (the "Company") entered into an underwriting agreement for the public offering of \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.50% Notes due 2009 and \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.75% Notes due 2014 (collectively, the "Notes"). The Notes are to be issued under an Indenture dated December 12, 1997 between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee. The Notes were registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to the shelf registration statement (Registration Nos. 333-84820, 333-84820-1 and 333-84820-2) of the Company, VEC Trust III and VEC Trust IV. Closing of the issuance and sale of the Notes is scheduled for March 25, 2004.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated March 22, 2004 among the Company and Lehman Brothers Inc., Barclays Capital Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets Corporation, BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Lyonnais Securities (USA) Inc., Mizuho International plc, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and SunTrust Capital Markets, Inc., as Underwriters.

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- 4.2 Form of Notes (included in Exhibit 4.1 above).
- 5.1 Opinion of Jay D. Browning, Esq.

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SIGNATURE

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.

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: March 25, 2004

By: /s/ Jay D. Browning

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Jay D. Browning  
Vice President and Secretary

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