CLOROX CO /DE/

FORM 8-K
(Unscheduled Material Events)

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Date of Event Reporting: February 19, 2004

Commission file number: 1-07151

THE CLOROX COMPANY

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1221 Broadway, Oakland, California 94612-1888

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(510) 271-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

A copy of the notice sent to Directors and Section 16 Officers is attached as Exhibit 99.1 incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 11. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRADING UNDER REGISTRANT’S EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

On February 19, 2004, The Clorox Company (the “Company”) received the notice required under Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with regard to blackout periods under The Clorox Company 401(k) Plan (formerly known as The Clorox Company Employee Retirement Investment Plan (ERIP) (the “Plan”) indicating that the Plan will be converting its record keeper, service provider, and plan administrator from Putnam Investments to T. Rowe Price Associates. In order to effectuate this change, individuals covered by the Plan will be unable to direct or diversify investments in the Plan, including purchases or sales of the common stock of the Company, during a time period that will begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 25, 2004 and is expected to end at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on April 5, 2004 (the “Blackout Period”). In addition, no loans or distributions from the Plan will be permitted during the Blackout Period.

On February 19, 2004, the Company sent a notice to its directors and officers subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, restricting them from trading in Company common stock during the Blackout Period. A copy of the notice sent to directors and executive officers is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference.

The person designated by the Company to respond to inquiries about the Blackout Period is Ms. Cheryl Ulery, Benefits Management Department, The Clorox Company, 1221 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone: 1-800-322-2802 x7003. During the Blackout Period a security holder or other interested person may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and expected ending dates of the Blackout Period by sending an inquiry to Ms. Ulery. For a period of two years after the ending date of the Blackout Period, a security holder or other interested person may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and ending dates of the Blackout Period by sending an inquiry to Benefits Manager, Benefits Management Department, The Clorox Company, 1221 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.
SIGNATURES

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

THE CLOROX COMPANY

Date: February 20, 2004 By: /s/ PETER D. BEWLEY

Peter D. Bewley
Senior Vice President – General Counsel
and Secretary

Exhibit 99.1

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors and Executive Officers of The Clorox Company

From: Peter D. Bewley, Senior Vice President—General Counsel and Secretary

Date: February 19, 2004

Re: Blackout in Trading of Common Stock of The Clorox Company (“Clorox”)

Pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Regulation BTR promulgated thereunder, Clorox is required to give

The Clorox Company 401(k) Plan, formerly known as The Clorox Company Employee Retirement Investment Plan (ERIP) (the “Plan”) is changing its record-keeper, service provider, and plan administrator from Putnam Investments to T. Rowe

The blackout period during which this conversion will occur commences at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 25, 2004 and end at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on April 5, 2004 (the “Conversion Blackout Period”). During this period of time, part i

Directors and executive officers are prohibited from purchasing, selling or otherwise acquiring or transferring any

Important: This trading prohibition falls within the regularly scheduled trading blackout period for Clorox director

For inquiries concerning the either the Conversion Blackout Period or the regularly scheduled trading blackout peri