

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

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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 16, 1994

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EXXON CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New Jersey	1-2256	13-5409005
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

225 E. John W. Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas	75062-2298
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (214) 444-1000

Item 5: Other Events

As previously reported, a number of lawsuits, including class actions, have been brought in various courts against Exxon Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries relating to the release of crude oil from the tanker Exxon Valdez in 1989. Most of these lawsuits seek unspecified compensatory and punitive damages; several lawsuits seek damages in varying specified amounts. The claims of many individuals have been dismissed or settled.

Civil trial in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska for most of the remaining actions commenced on May 2, 1994. On June 13, 1994, at the conclusion of the first of four phases of the trial, the jury determined that the defendants acted recklessly and therefore could be liable for punitive damages. On September 16, 1994, the jury returned a verdict in phase III of the trial that provides a punitive damage award of \$5 billion to a class composed of all persons and entities seeking punitive damages from the corporation as a result of the Exxon Valdez grounding. This award is not a final judgment; it is subject to review and possible modification by the District Court and by appellate courts. The corporation believes that this award is unjustified and should be set aside or substantially reduced by the District Court or appellate courts. The corporation intends to pursue all means of recourse available to it. As the United States Supreme Court observed in a 1994 decision, many punitive damage awards have been reduced or reversed by the courts.

On August 11, 1994, the jury returned a verdict in phase II-A of the trial finding that fisher plaintiffs were damaged in the amount of \$286.8 million. This award is subject to a number of adjustments by the District Court, including a reduction to reflect payments already

made by the corporation to many of these plaintiffs, and possibly to additional legal proceedings.

On July 25, 1994, an agreement with counsel for the Alaska Native class was announced providing for a partial settlement of the Native class claims arising from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. If approved by the District Court, this partial settlement will require the corporation to pay \$20 million to resolve the Native class claims for replacement cost of lost subsistence harvests resulting from the oil spill. Those claims had been scheduled to be tried in phase II-B of the trial.

Phase IV will be a separate proceeding or series of proceedings to deal with certain claims for compensatory damages not addressed in prior phases. The timing and scope of this phase have yet to be finalized. At present, these claims total approximately \$200 million, which the corporation believes is far in excess of their value.

Trial in Alaska state court for damages to certain lands commenced on June 20, 1994 and is expected to conclude in September, 1994. The claims in this trial total approximately \$120 million, which the corporation believes is far in excess of their value. There are a number of additional cases pending in Alaska state court that are not yet set for trial.

The ultimate cost to the corporation from these lawsuits is not possible to predict and may not be resolved for a number of years.

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.

EXXON CORPORATION

BY W. B. Cook

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W.B. Cook, Vice President, Controller  
and Principal Accounting Officer

Date: September 21, 1994