Nalco Holding CO Form 8-K August 23, 2005

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: August 23, 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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Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 22, 2005, Nalco LLC sold 4.35 million shares of Nalco Holding Company common stock as a result of the exercise by the underwriters of an option to purchase additional shares granted in connection with a previously announced and completed secondary offering. A copy of the press release announcing the closing of this transaction is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

Exhibits

99.1 Press release by Nalco Holding Company dated August 22, 2005.

SIGNATURES

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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

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