

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2004

**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

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Date of Report  
(Date of earliest  
event reported): January 21, 2004

**A. O. Smith Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-475  
(Commission File  
Number)

39-0619790  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 245008, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9508  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(414) 359-4000  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed herewith:
  - (99) News Release of A. O. Smith Corporation, dated January 21, 2004.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 21, 2004, A. O. Smith Corporation ( the Company ) issued a news release announcing the Company s 2003 earnings and adjusts the 2004 forecast. A copy of the Company s news release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report ) and is incorporated by reference herein.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

### A. O. SMITH CORPORATION

Date: January 21, 2004

By: /s/ Kenneth W. Krueger  
Kenneth W. Krueger  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K Dated January 21, 2004.

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