

CHIRON CORP
Form 8-K
October 13, 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): **October 13, 2004**

Chiron Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-12798
(Commission
File Number)

94-2754624
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

94608
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(510) 655-8730**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 13, 2004, Chiron Corporation received a notice from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that it has opened an informal inquiry to determine whether certain provisions of the federal securities laws have been violated by Chiron. The SEC has requested that Chiron voluntarily provide certain documents and materials, including materials relating to Fluvirin® and the suspension by the United Kingdom 's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency of Chiron 's license to manufacture the Fluvirin vaccine.

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Chiron intends to fully cooperate with the SEC in its informal inquiry.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

CHIRON CORPORATION
(Registrant)

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Date: October 13, 2004

By: /s/ Ursula B. Bartels
Ursula B. Bartels

