

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2005

**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, 2005

**A. O. Smith Corporation**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-475

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(Commission File  
Number)

39-0619790

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 245008, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9508

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(414) 359-4000

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(Registrant's telephone number)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 21, 2005, A. O. Smith Corporation ( the Company ) issued a news release announcing the Company s 2004 earnings. 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.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

(99) News Release of A. O. Smith Corporation, dated January 21, 2005.

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**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, 2005

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

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**A. O. SMITH CORPORATION**

Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K Dated January 21, 2005

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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