

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP

Form 8-K

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**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** February 7, 2003

**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation)

**0-6354**  
(Commission File No.)

**95-2588080**  
(IRS Employer No.)

**4695 MacArthur Court, Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92660**  
(Zip Code)

**(949) 260-1200**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On February 3, 2003, American Vanguard Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.8. The release announced that Amvac Chemical Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Vanguard Corporation, has signed a definitive agreement to acquire the global Pre-Harvest Crop Protection business from Pace International, LLC., all as more particularly described in Exhibit 99.8.

**Item 7. Exhibits.**

99.8            Press release issued February 3, 2003.

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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.

**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**

Date: February 7, 2003

By: /s/ J. A. Barry

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J. A. Barry  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

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<b>EXHIBIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
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