

US ECOLOGY, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Romero Mario

(Last) (First) (Middle)
251 E. FRONT ST., SUITE 400
(Street)

BOISE, ID 83702

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
US ECOLOGY, INC. [ECOL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EVP Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2016 | | A | | 3,900 | A | \$ 0 (1) |
| | | | | | 6,900 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock Option | \$ 35.05 | 01/04/2016 | | A | 6,900 | 01/04/2017 01/03/2026 | Common Stock | 6,900 |
| Performance Stock Units | (3) | 01/04/2016 | | A | 2,400 | (3) 12/31/2018 | Common Stock | 2,400 (3) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Romero Mario 251 E. FRONT ST. SUITE 400 BOISE, ID 83702 | | | EVP Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ Mario Romero
01/05/2016
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Restricted stock issued pursuant to US Ecology, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan, vesting after the third year anniversary.
- (2) Issued pursuant to US Ecology, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan, vesting annually over three years.

- (3) Grant of Performance Stock Units. Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of US Ecology, Inc. Common Stock. The number of shares reported represents the target number of shares underlying the performance stock units. The actual number of shares to be delivered in settlement of the performance stock units earned during the performance period will be based on US Ecology, Inc.'s total shareholder return over the three year vesting period relative to the S&P 600 (weighted at 50%) and a peer group of certain companies in the environmental and facilities services industry (weighted at 50%) and could equal 200% of the target number of shares underlying the performance stock units. The performance stock units will settle as soon as practicable after December 31, 2018.

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