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July 23, 2003

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: July 21, 2003  
(Date of earliest event reported)

3M COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

File No. 1-3285  
(Commission File Number)

Delaware  
(State of incorporation)

41-0417775  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

3M Center  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
(Address of principal executive offices)

55144-1000  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone, including area code:  
(651) 733-1110

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

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Exhibit No.      Description  
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99.1              Earnings release issued July 21, 2003,  
                    for the second quarter of 2003

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by the company on July 21, 2003, regarding earnings for the second quarter of 2003 (attached as Exhibit 99.1). The information contained in this Current Report, which is intended to be furnished under Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition," is instead being furnished under Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure" pursuant to interim guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release Nos. 33-8216 and 34-47583. As such, the information hereunder shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference

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into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

In addition to disclosing results that are determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the company also discloses non-GAAP results that exclude special items. The company has provided reconciliations of its disclosed non-GAAP financial reporting to the most comparable GAAP reporting. The company believes that discussion of results excluding special items provides a useful analysis of ongoing operating trends. Earnings per share and other amounts before special items are not measures recognized under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The determination of special items may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

### SIGNATURE

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.

3M COMPANY

By: /s/ Gregg M. Larson  
Gregg M. Larson,  
Secretary

Dated: July 23, 2003

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