

3M CO  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 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): **January 18, 2005**

**3M COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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| <b>File No. 1-3285</b>                   | <b>41-0417775</b>                 |
| (Commission File Number)                 | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| <b>3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota</b>    | <b>55144-1000</b>                 |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code)                        |

**(651) 733-1110**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
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### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 18, 2005, 3M Company issued a press release reporting its sales and earnings results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004 and full-year 2004 (furnished hereunder as Exhibit 99).

The information contained in this Current Report 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 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.

### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

3M COMPANY

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

Dated: January 18, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|-----------------------|--|
| 99                    | Press Release, dated as of January 18, 2005, of 3M Company (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 hereof). |