HERCULES INC Form 8-K May 21, 2007

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 (Date of earliest event reported): May 16, 2007

Hercules Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-00496

51-0023450

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

Hercules Plaza 1313 North Market Street Wilmington, Delaware 19894-0001

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(302) 594-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 18, 2007, Hercules Incorporated ("Hercules") issued a news release with respect to the receipt of income tax refunds and with respect to the lawsuit captioned <u>United States of America v. Vertac Chemical Corp., et al.</u> (Civil No. 4:80CV00109 GH, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas, Western Division), respectively.

The news release is furnished as an exhibit hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Item 9.01 <u>Financial Statements and Exhibits.</u>

(d) Exhibits. 99.1 News Release of Hercules Incorporated dated May 18, 2007.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

May 21, 2007 By: HERCULES INCORPORATED

/s/ Allen A. Spizzo Allen A. Spizzo Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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