

STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.
Form 8-K
July 09, 2018

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): July 9, 2018

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut	1-5224	06-0548860
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut	06053
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (860) 225-5111

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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:

--Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

--Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

--Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company --

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the

Exchange Act. "

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. ("the Company") has reached a settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for reimbursement of EPA's past costs and remediation of environmental contamination found at the Centredale Manor Restoration Project Superfund ("Centredale") site located in North Providence, Rhode Island. The EPA had alleged that Black & Decker and certain of its current and former affiliates are liable for site clean-up costs under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act as successors to the liability of Metro-Atlantic, Inc., a former operator at the site, and demanded reimbursement of the EPA's costs related to this site. Black & Decker and certain of its current and former affiliates contested the EPA's allegation that they are responsible for the contamination, and have asserted contribution claims, counterclaims and cross-claims against a number of other potentially responsible parties ("PRPs"), including the federal government as well as insurance carriers. Although the settlement with the EPA resolves EPA's claims against the Company, the litigation against other PRPs to recover costs associated with this clean-up continues. The Company has increased its reserve for this site by \$78 million to approximately \$146 million, reflective of the settlement reached. The \$78 million increase will be reflected in the Company's second quarter 2018 GAAP financial results.

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.

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

July 9, 2018

By: /s/ Janet M. Link
Name: Janet M. Link
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary