

APPLERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 08, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**June 2, 2004**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-4389**  
(Commission File No.)

**06-1534213**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**301 Merritt 7**  
**Norwalk, Connecticut 06851**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**(203) 840-2000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

*Exhibit No. Description*

99 Formal Notice of Blackout Period Under the Alys Pharmaceuticals 401(k) Plan dated June 8, 2004

**Item 11. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

On June 2, 2004, Applera Corporation received a notice required by Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 regarding a blackout period under the Alys Pharmaceuticals 401(k) Plan. As required by Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Rule 104 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation BTR, Applera Corporation has sent a formal notice of blackout period to its executive officers and directors, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this report and which is incorporated herein by reference. During the blackout period and for a period of two years after the ending date of the blackout period, a security holder or other interested person may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and ending dates of the blackout period by sending a written inquiry to the Secretary of Applera Corporation at 301 Merritt 7, Norwalk, CT 06851-1070.

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**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.

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

By:           /s/ William B. Sawch            
William B. Sawch  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

Dated: June 8, 2004

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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