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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): August 2, 2002

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918 61-0122250 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Mailing Address) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

Item 5. Other Events

On August 2, 2002, Ashland Inc. reported that Paul W. Chellgren, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ashland Inc., announced his plans to retire effective November 15, 2002, which is discussed in more detail in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits
 ----(c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release dated August 2, 2002.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC. -----(Registrant)

Date: August 2, 2002 /s/ David L. Hausrath

Name: David L. Hausrath Title: Vice President and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated August 2, 2002