

**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): December 12, 2019

**CLEAN HARBORS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-34223**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-2997780**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**42 Longwater Drive Norwell MA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02061-9149**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(781) 792-5000**

**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.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	CLH	New York Stock Exchange

**Item 5.02**      **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 17, 2019, the Company announced the expansion of the Clean Harbors, Inc. Board of Directors (the "Board") from nine to ten, and the appointment of Robert Willett to the Board, each effective as of December 12, 2019. Mr. Willett is the President and Chief Executive Officer of world-leading machine vision company Cognex Corporation, where he oversees all aspects of strategy and operations. Mr. Willett will serve as a Class III director and as a member of the Board's Audit Committee. Mr. Willett is not now, nor has he during the past three years been involved in any related party transaction with the Company which would be reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The press release announcing Mr. Willett's appointment is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01**      **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1      [Press Release of the Company, dated December 17, 2019, announcing the appointment of Robert Willett as a member of the Company's Board of Directors.](#)

104      Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within Inline XBRL document)

**SIGNATURES**

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

Clean Harbors, Inc.  
(Registrant)

December 17, 2019

/s/ Michael L. Battles  
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Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



## Press Release

### **Clean Harbors Appoints Robert Willett to Board of Directors** *President and CEO of Cognex Corp. Enhances Board's Strategic and Operational Expertise*

**NORWELL, Mass. - December 17, 2019** - [Clean Harbors, Inc.](#) (“Clean Harbors”) (NYSE: CLH), the leading provider of environmental, energy and industrial services throughout North America, today announced the appointment of technology executive Robert Willett to the Company’s Board of Directors. Mr. Willett, 52, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of world-leading machine vision company Cognex Corporation (NASDAQ: CGNX), where he oversees all aspects of strategy and operations.

“Rob is a talented, accomplished leader whose public company experience and insights in the areas of operations and business development further strengthen our Board,” said Alan S. McKim, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Clean Harbors. “With his deep industrial and technology background and expertise in leadership development, Rob will serve as a valuable resource as we continue to execute our growth strategy.”

Mr. Willett’s appointment expands the Clean Harbors board to 10 members, and he will serve as a Class III director.

Mr. Willett joined Cognex in 2008 as Executive Vice President and President of the Modular Vision Systems Division. He was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer in 2010 and to Chief Executive Officer in 2011. Before joining Cognex, he served as Group Vice President of Business Development and Innovation for the Product Identification business group at Danaher Corporation (NYSE: DHR), a diversified manufacturer of industrial controls and technologies. Prior to that, he served as President of Danaher subsidiary Videojet Technologies. From 1998 to 2003 Mr. Willett served as Chief Executive Officer of Willett International Ltd., a \$125 million privately owned coding company with 30 wholly owned sales companies around the world, which he sold to Danaher in 2003. Mr. Willett has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, and an MBA from Yale University.

#### **About Clean Harbors**

Clean Harbors (NYSE: CLH) is North America’s leading provider of environmental, energy and industrial services. The Company serves a diverse customer base, including a majority of Fortune 500 companies. Its customer base spans a number of industries, including chemical, energy and manufacturing, as well as numerous government agencies. These customers rely on Clean Harbors to deliver a broad range of services such as end-to-end hazardous waste management, emergency spill response, industrial cleaning and maintenance, and recycling services. Through its Safety-Kleen subsidiary, Clean Harbors also is North America’s largest re-refiner and recycler of used oil and a leading provider of parts washers and environmental services to commercial, industrial and automotive customers. Founded in 1980 and based in Massachusetts, Clean Harbors operates throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. For more information, visit [www.cleanharbors.com](http://www.cleanharbors.com).

## Safe Harbor Statement

Any statements contained herein that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are generally identifiable by use of the words “believes,” “expects,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “plans to,” “estimates,” “projects,” “may,” “likely,” or similar expressions. Such statements may include, but are not limited to, statements about future financial and operating results, and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based upon the beliefs and expectations of Clean Harbors’ management as of this date only and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially including, without limitation, those items identified as “Risk Factors” in Clean Harbors’ most recently filed Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. Therefore, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Clean Harbors undertakes no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements other than through its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which may be viewed in the “Investors” section of Clean Harbors’ website at [www.cleanharbors.com](http://www.cleanharbors.com).

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