

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): January 19, 2010

Kirby Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

1-7615

(Commission File Number)

74-1884980

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**55 Waugh Drive, Suite 1000
Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

77007

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(713) 435-1000**

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On January 19, 2010, Kirby Corporation (“Kirby”) announced that Norman W. Nolen, Kirby’s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will retire effective March 31, 2010. Mr. Nolen has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Kirby since 1999. Kirby’s Board of Directors will consider Mr. Nolen’s successor at its regular quarterly meeting scheduled for next week.

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.

KIRBY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: _____ /s/ G. Stephen Holcomb
G. Stephen Holcomb
Vice President – Investor Relations

Dated: January 19, 2010
