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Form NT 10-K  
March 16, 2004

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 12b-25

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(Check One): /X/ Form 10-K / / Form 20-F / / Form 11-K / / Form 10-Q  
/ / Form N-SAR / / Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2003

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/ / Transition Report on Form 10-K  
/ / Transition Report on Form 20-F  
/ / Transition Report on Form 11-K  
/ / Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
/ / Transition Report on Form N-SAR  
For the Transition Period Ended:  
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NOTHING IN THIS FORM SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY THAT THE COMMISSION HAS  
VERIFIED ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.  
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If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify  
the Item(s) to which the notification relates:  
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PART I -- REGISTRANT INFORMATION

El Paso Corporation

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Full Name of Registrant

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Former Name if Applicable

1001 Louisiana Street

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Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

Houston, Texas 77002

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City, State and Zip Code

PART II -- RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- /X/ (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III -- NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

On March 10, 2004, we announced that we would likely restate our historical financial statements and that, as a result, we would delay the release of our 2003 earnings announcement and the filing of our 2003 Form 10-K. The potential restatement relates to a downward revision of our estimated natural gas and oil reserves. For more information regarding the revision to our reserve estimates, see our Form 8-Ks dated February 17, 2004 and March 10, 2004. Because of the additional time required to determine whether a restatement is appropriate, and if so, the timing and magnitude of the restatement, we could not file our 2003 Form 10-K on or before March 15, 2004, without unreasonable effort or expense.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

PART IV -- OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

D. Dwight Scott	(713)	420-3040
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(Name)	(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes /X/ No / /

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(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the

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earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?  
Yes /X/ No / /

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

As a result of the potential restatement, our net income for prior periods could change. We are currently assessing the timing and magnitude of these potential changes.

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El Paso Corporation  
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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date March 16, 2004 By /s/ D. Dwight Scott  
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D. Dwight Scott  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

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INTENTIONAL MISSTATEMENTS OR OMISSIONS OF FACT CONSTITUTE FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS (SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001).  
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form is required by Rule 12b-25 (17 CFR 240.12b-25) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.
3. A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.
4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.

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5. Electronic Filers: This form shall not be used by electronic filers unable to timely file a report solely due to electronic difficulties. Filers unable to submit reports within the time period prescribed due to difficulties in electronic filing should comply with either Rule 201 or Rule 202 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.201 or Section 232.202 of this chapter) or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T (Section 232.13(b) of this chapter).