

NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3
Form N-Q
September 29, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-10345

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jessica R. Droeger Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31

Date of reporting period: 07/31/05

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZF)

July 31, 2005

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| Principal Amount (000) | Description ⁽¹⁾ | Opt Provi |
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| Alabama - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments) | | |
| \$ 5,655 | Alabama State Port Authority, Revenue Bonds, State Docks Department Facilities, Series 2001, 5.250%, 10/01/26 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 10/11 |
| Alaska - 0.7% (0.4% of Total Investments) | | |
| 4,000 | Alaska Student Loan Corporation, Student Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 7/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 7/08 |
| Arkansas - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments) | | |
| | Sebastian County Health Facilities Board, Arkansas, Hospital Revenue Improvement Bonds, Sparks Regional Medical Center, Series 2001A: | |
| 1,805 | 5.500%, 11/01/13 | 11/11 |
| 1,900 | 5.500%, 11/01/14 | 11/11 |
| 1,745 | 5.250%, 11/01/21 | 11/11 |
| California - 10.2% (6.9% of Total Investments) | | |
| 5,000 | California Infrastructure Economic Development Bank, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Hospital Assistance LLC, Series 2001A, 5.550%, 8/01/31 | 8/11 |
| 18,850 | California, General Obligation Veterans Welfare Bonds, Series 2001BZ, 5.350%, 12/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - MBIA Insured | 6/07 |
| 1,500 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, East Valley Tourist Authority, Series 2003B, 9.250%, 10/01/20 (a) | 10/15 |
| 5,000 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2004G, 2.300%, 4/01/34 (Mandatory put 5/01/07) | N |
| | Los Angeles Regional Airports Improvement Corporation, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, LAXFUEL Corporation at Los Angeles International Airport, Series 2001: | |
| 13,955 | 5.750%, 1/01/16 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 1/12 |
| 5,000 | 5.375%, 1/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 1/12 |
| 1,500 | 5.250%, 1/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 1/12 |
| 10,000 | 5.500%, 1/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 1/12 |
| Colorado - 7.6% (5.1% of Total Investments) | | |

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| 2,250 | Canterberry Crossing Metropolitan District II, Parker, Colorado, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 7.375%, 12/01/32 | 12/12 |
| 1,775 | Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Weld County School District 6 - Frontier Academy, Series 2001, 7.375%, 6/01/31 | 6/11 |
| 3,250 | Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Montessori Peaks Building Foundation, Series 2002A, 8.000%, 5/01/32 | 5/12 |
| 1,700 | Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Belle Creek Education Center, Series 2002A, 7.625%, 3/15/32 | 3/12 |
| 3,380 | Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Multifamily Project Bonds, Class I, Series 2001A-1, 5.500%, 4/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 10/11 |
| 10,100 | Colorado Springs, Colorado, Utility System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 1997A, 5.375%, 11/15/26 | 11/07 |
| 2,000 | Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 11/15/16 (Alternative Minimum Tax)- FGIC Insured | 11/11 |
| 19,150 | Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1996A: 5.750%, 11/15/16 - MBIA Insured | 11/06 |
| 1,105 | 5.500%, 11/15/25 - MBIA Insured | 11/06 |
| 1,000 | Plaza Metropolitan District 1, Lakewood, Colorado, Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 8.000%, 12/01/25 | 6/14 |
| Delaware - 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments) | | |
| 2,835 | Delaware State Housing Authority, Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.400%, 7/01/24 | 7/12 |
| District of Columbia - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments) | | |
| 6,000 | District of Columbia, Revenue Bonds, Catholic University of America, Series 1999, 5.625%, 10/01/29 - AMBAC Insured | 10/09 |
| Florida - 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments) | | |
| 2,000 | Dade County, Florida, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 1997, 5.375%, 10/01/16 - FGIC Insured | 10/07 |
| | Orange County Housing Finance Authority, Florida, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Oak Glen Apartments, Series 2001G: | |
| 1,105 | 5.400%, 12/01/32 - FSA Insured | 12/11 |
| 2,195 | 5.450%, 12/01/41 - FSA Insured | 12/11 |
| 4,175 | Pace Property Finance Authority Inc., Florida, Utility System Improvement and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1997, 5.250%, 9/01/17 - AMBAC Insured | 9/07 |
| Georgia - 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments) | | |
| 5,000 | Atlanta, Georgia, Airport General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B, 5.625%, 1/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | 1/10 |
| 2,700 | Atlanta, Georgia, Tax Allocation Bonds, Atlantic Station Project, Series 2001, 7.900%, 12/01/24 | 12/11 |
| 3,740 | Gainesville and Hall County Hospital Authority, Georgia, Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Northeast Georgia Health Services Inc., Series 2001, 5.500%, 5/15/31 | 5/11 |
| 2,000 | Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority, Georgia, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, 5.625%, 2/01/30 (Pre-refunded to 2/01/10) - FGIC Insured | 2/10 |

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Hawaii - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

5,125 Hawaii, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.375%, 7/01/21 (Pre-refunded to 7/01/11) - FSA Insured 7/11

Illinois - 16.9% (11.4% of Total Investments)

3,000 Chicago, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Neighborhoods Alive 21 Program, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/31 - FGIC Insured 1/11

Chicago, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1996B:

1,210 5.125%, 1/01/25 (Pre-refunded to 1/01/06) - FGIC Insured 1/06

1,290 5.125%, 1/01/25 - FGIC Insured 1/06

8,375 Chicago, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, Midway Airport, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FSA Insured 1/11

4,950 Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds, O'Hare International Airport, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 1/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured 1/11

1,750 Chicago, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, 5.250%, 1/01/28 - FGIC Insured 7/08

10,800 Chicago, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, 5.375%, 1/01/30 (Pre-refunded to 1/01/09) - FGIC Insured 1/09

Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A:

2,220 5.500%, 1/01/16 - MBIA Insured N

8,610 5.500%, 1/01/26 (Pre-refunded to 1/01/11) - AMBAC Insured 1/11

10,000 Chicago, Illinois, Senior Lien Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 11/01/26 (Pre-refunded to 11/01/11) - AMBAC Insured 11/11

2,415 Illinois Finance Authority, General Obligation Debt Certificates, Local Government Program - Kankakee County, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 12/01/24 - AMBAC Insured 12/14

1,100 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Condell Medical Center, Series 2000, 6.500%, 5/15/30 5/10

15,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Loyola University Health System, Series 2001A, 6.125%, 7/01/31 7/11

9,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Covenant Retirement Communities Inc., Series 2001, 5.875%, 12/01/31 12/11

2,000 Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Refunding Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1998A, 5.500%, 6/15/29 - FGIC Insured N

16,900 Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 12/15/28 - FGIC Insured 12/09

Indiana - 5.8% (4.0% of Total Investments)

Clark-Pleasant Community School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001:

1,255 5.000%, 7/15/21 - AMBAC Insured 1/12

1,000 5.000%, 1/15/26 - AMBAC Insured 1/12

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Lease Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001:

2,000 5.750%, 7/15/18 (Pre-refunded to 1/15/12) - MBIA Insured 1/12

2,750 5.125%, 1/15/24 (Pre-refunded to 1/15/12) - MBIA Insured 1/12

3,435 Gary, Indiana, GNMA/FHA Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Windsor Square Project, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 10/20/41 (Alternative Minimum Tax) 11/11

1,250 Hamilton Southeastern Cumberland Campus School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/15/23 - AMBAC Insured 1/12

2,800 Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Community Hospitals of Indiana, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 5/01/35 - AMBAC Insured 5/15

9,500 Indiana Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Butler University, Series 2001, 5.500%, 2/01/26 - MBIA Insured 2/11

4,230 Indiana Finance Authority, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Tudor Park Foundation, Series 6/15

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| | 2005B, 5.000%, 6/01/24 | |
| 2,650 | Indianapolis, Indiana, Special Facility Revenue Bonds, United Airlines Inc., Indianapolis Maintenance Center Project, Series 1995A, 6.500%, 11/15/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax) # | 11/05 |
| 3,500 | University of Southern Indiana, Student Fee Bonds, Series 2001H, 5.000%, 10/01/21 - AMBAC Insured | 10/11 |
| | Wayne County Jail Holding Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001: | |
| 1,150 | 5.625%, 7/15/18 - AMBAC Insured | 1/13 |
| 1,090 | 5.500%, 7/15/22 - AMBAC Insured | 1/13 |

Iowa - 5.5% (3.7% of Total Investments)

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| 2,000 | Iowa Finance Authority, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Great River Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/15/31 - FSA Insured | 5/11 |
| | Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B: | |
| 28,000 | 5.300%, 6/01/25 | 6/11 |
| 3,950 | 5.600%, 6/01/35 | 6/11 |

Kentucky - 3.1% (2.1% of Total Investments)

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| 18,500 | Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky, Sewer and Drainage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.125%, 5/15/27 - MBIA Insured | 11/11 |
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Louisiana - 3.3% (2.3% of Total Investments)

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| 19,890 | Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Louisiana, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.875%, 5/15/39 | 5/11 |
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Maine - 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)

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| | Maine State Housing Authority, Mortgage Purchase Bonds, Series 2001B: | |
| 4,610 | 5.400%, 11/15/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 11/10 |
| 2,065 | 5.500%, 11/15/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 11/10 |

Maryland - 2.1% (1.4% of Total Investments)

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| | Maryland Community Development Administration, Multifamily Housing Insured Mortgage Loans, Series 2001B: | |
| 715 | 5.250%, 5/15/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 5/11 |
| 1,570 | 5.250%, 7/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 7/11 |
| 10,600 | Maryland Energy Financing Administration, Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project, Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 9/05 |

Massachusetts - 1.7% (1.2% of Total Investments)

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| 5,000 | Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, Delta Air Lines Inc., Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 1/11 |
| 345 | Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 71, 5.650%, 6/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)- FSA Insured | 6/09 |
| 5,000 | Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 1997A, 5.000%, 1/01/37 - MBIA Insured | 1/07 |

Michigan - 9.1% (6.2% of Total Investments)

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| 15,000 | Detroit City School District, Wayne County, Michigan, Unlimited Tax School Building and Site Improvement Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.000%, 5/01/29 - FSA Insured | N |
| 11,000 | Kent Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Revenue Bonds, Spectrum Health, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/15/31 (Pre-refunded to 7/15/11) | 7/11 |
| 1,235 | Michigan State Building Authority, Revenue Bonds, Facilities Program, Series 2001I, 5.500%, 10/15/18 | 10/11 |

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| 3,485 | Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, Series 1993P, 5.375%, 8/15/14 - MBIA Insured | |
| | Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sparrow Obligated Group, Series 2001: | |
| 1,400 | 5.500%, 11/15/21 | 11/11 |
| 2,500 | 5.625%, 11/15/31 | 11/11 |
| 1,355 | Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Detroit Medical Center Obligated Group, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 8/15/23 | 8/08 |
| 12,640 | Royal Oak Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Hospital Revenue Bonds, William Beaumont Hospital, Series 2001M, 5.250%, 11/15/31 - MBIA Insured | 11/11 |
| 2,395 | Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, Washtenaw County, Michigan, General Obligation Bonds, Sanitary Sewerage System 3, Series 2001, 5.100%, 5/01/31 - FGIC Insured | 5/11 |

Minnesota - 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)

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| 2,360 | Dakota County Community Development Agency, Minnesota, GNMA Collateralized Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Rose Apartments Project, Series 2001, 6.350%, 10/20/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 10/11 |
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Mississippi - 0.4% (0.2% of Total Investments)

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| 2,155 | Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, GNMA Collateralized Retirement Facility Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Aldersgate Retirement Community Inc. Project, Series 1999A, 5.450%, 5/20/34 | 5/09 |
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Missouri - 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments)

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| 2,000 | Fenton, Missouri, Tax Increment Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Gravois Bluffs Redevelopment Project, Series 2002, 6.125%, 10/01/21 | 10/12 |
| | Missouri Development Finance Board, Cultural Facilities Revenue Bonds, Nelson Gallery Foundation, Series 2001A: | |
| 3,335 | 5.250%, 12/01/19 - MBIA Insured | 12/11 |
| 3,510 | 5.250%, 12/01/20 - MBIA Insured | 12/11 |
| 3,695 | 5.250%, 12/01/21 - MBIA Insured | 12/11 |
| 2,040 | 5.250%, 12/01/22 - MBIA Insured | 12/11 |

Montana - 0.8% (0.6% of Total Investments)

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| 5,000 | Montana Board of Investments, Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds, Stillwater Mining Company Project, Series 2000, 8.000%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 7/10 |
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Nebraska - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)

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| | Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2001D: | |
| 2,570 | 5.250%, 9/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 9/11 |
| 3,460 | 5.375%, 9/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 9/11 |

Nevada - 7.8% (5.3% of Total Investments)

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| 35,000 | Clark County, Nevada, Limited Tax General Obligation Bank Bonds, Series 2000, 5.500%, 7/01/30 - MBIA Insured | 7/10 |
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| 2,000 | Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, First Tier, Series 2000, 5.375%, 1/01/40 - AMBAC Insured | 1/10 |
| 4,000 | Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, Second Tier, Series 2000, 7.375%, 1/01/40 | 1/10 |
| 470 | Nevada Housing Division, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Senior Series 1998A-1, 5.300%, 4/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 4/08 |
| 4,290 | University of Nevada, Revenue Bonds, Community College System, Series 2001A, 5.250%, 7/01/26 - FGIC Insured | 1/12 |

New Hampshire - 0.4% (0.2% of Total Investments)

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| 2,000 | New Hampshire Health and Education Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Concord Hospital, Series 2001, 5.500%, 10/01/21 - FSA Insured | 10/11 |
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New Jersey - 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)

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| 10,000 | New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Water Facilities Revenue Bonds, American Water Company, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 11/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 11/12 |
| 4,125 | New Jersey Transit Corporation, Certificates of Participation, Federal Transit Administration Grants, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 9/15/13 - AMBAC Insured | N |

New York - 5.2% (3.5% of Total Investments)

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| 1,780 | East Rochester Housing Authority, New York, GNMA Secured Revenue Bonds, Gates Senior Housing Inc., Series 2001, 5.300%, 4/20/31 | 10/11 |
| 5,350 | Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Dedicated Tax Fund Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/15/31 (Pre-refunded to 11/15/11) - FGIC Insured | 11/11 |
| 4,155 | Monroe County Airport Authority, New York, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Greater Rochester International Airport, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/01/13 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - MBIA Insured | N |
| 2,500 | New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2002G, 5.625%, 8/01/20 - MBIA Insured | 8/12 |
| | New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Fiscal Series 2001A: | |
| 8,610 | 5.500%, 6/15/33 - MBIA Insured | 6/10 |
| 5,710 | 5.500%, 6/15/33 - FGIC Insured | 6/10 |
| 2,000 | New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/16 | 6/11 |

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North Carolina - 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)

1,800 North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1, Catawba Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 1/01/13

Ohio - 2.6% (1.8% of Total Investments)

4,325 Ohio Housing Finance Agency, GNMA Mortgage-Backed Securities Program Residential Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A-1, 5.300%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FSA Insured

7,800 Ohio Water Development Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Bay Shore Power, Series 1998B, 6.625%, 9/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
Portage County, Ohio, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001:

1,870 5.000%, 12/01/21 - FGIC Insured

1,775 5.000%, 12/01/23 - FGIC Insured

Oklahoma - 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,500 Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Hillcrest Healthcare System, Series 1999A, 5.625%, 8/15/29 (Pre-refunded to 8/15/09)

Oregon - 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments)

4,700 Oregon Health, Housing, Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, PeaceHealth Project, Series 2001, 5.250%, 11/15/21 - AMBAC Insured

10,000 Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A, 6.050%, 7/01/42 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

Pennsylvania - 1.9% (1.3% of Total Investments)

Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, West Penn Allegheny Health System, Series 2000B:

2,000 9.250%, 11/15/22

2,000 9.250%, 11/15/30

3,500 Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Senior Lien Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, Northampton Generating Project, Series 1994A, 6.600%, 1/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

3,205 Philadelphia School District, Pennsylvania, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.625%, 8/01/16 (Pre-refunded to 8/01/12) - FGIC Insured

South Carolina - 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)

2,185 Greenville County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds, Road Improvement Project, Series 2001, 5.500%, 4/01/21 - AMBAC Insured

6,850 South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 10/01/22 (Pre-refunded to 10/01/11) - AMBAC Insured

Tennessee - 1.4% (0.9% of Total Investments)

5,210 Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, Tennessee, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 3/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax)- FSA Insured

1,455 Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Homeownership Program Bonds, Series 1998-2, 5.350%, 7/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

1,575 Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Homeownership Program Bonds, Series 2001-3A, 5.200%, 7/01/22 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

Texas - 17.9% (12.1% of Total Investments)

1,125 Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District, Williamson County, Texas, Combination Unlimited Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 6/01/26 - FSA Insured

3,850 Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport, Texas, Joint Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds,

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| | Series 2001A, 5.500%, 11/01/35 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | |
| 5,000 | Decatur Hospital Authority, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Wise Regional Health System, Series 2004A, 7.000%, 9/01/25 | 9/14 |
| | Collins and Denton Counties, Frisco, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001: | |
| 1,910 | 5.000%, 2/15/20 - FGIC Insured | 2/11 |
| 2,005 | 5.000%, 2/15/21 - FGIC Insured | 2/11 |
| 4,040 | Harris County, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/15/27 | 8/11 |
| 7,000 | Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 7/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | 7/08 |
| | Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A: | |
| 2,525 | 5.500%, 7/01/13 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | 1/12 |
| 2,905 | 5.500%, 7/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | 1/12 |
| 6,000 | Houston, Texas, Junior Lien Water and Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 12/01/29 - MBIA Insured | N |
| | Jefferson County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Series 2001: | |
| 8,500 | 5.400%, 8/15/31 - AMBAC Insured | 8/11 |
| 8,500 | 5.500%, 8/15/41 - AMBAC Insured | 8/11 |
| 10,700 | Laredo Independent School District, Webb County, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/01/25 | 8/11 |
| 2,500 | Matagorda County Navigation District 1, Texas, Collateralized Revenue Refunding Bonds, Houston Light and Power Company, Series 1997, 5.125%, 11/01/28 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | N |
| 1,540 | Medina Valley Independent School District, Medina County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 2/15/26 | 2/11 |
| 5,430 | Mineral Wells Independent School District, Pale Pinto and Parker Counties, Texas, Unlimited School Tax Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 1998, 4.750%, 2/15/22 | 2/08 |
| 3,000 | North Central Texas Health Facilities Development Corporation, Revenue Bonds, Texas Health Resources System, Series 1997B, 5.375%, 2/15/26 - MBIA Insured | 2/08 |
| 3,045 | Port of Houston Authority, Harris County, Texas, General Obligation Port Improvement Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 10/01/17 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | 10/11 |
| 10,915 | Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Residential Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.350%, 7/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 7/11 |
| 15,700 | Texas Water Development Board, Senior Lien State Revolving Fund Revenue Bonds, Series 1996B, 5.125%, 7/15/18 | 1/07 |

Utah - 1.0% (0.6% of Total Investments)

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| | Utah Housing Corporation, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001E: | | |
| 2,055 | 5.200%, 1/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | | 7/11 |
| 630 | 5.500%, 1/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | | 7/11 |

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| | Utah Housing Corporation, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001F-1: | | |
| 2,575 | 4.950%, 7/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | | 7/11 |
| 650 | 5.300%, 7/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | | 7/11 |

Virginia - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

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| 7,000 | Pocahontas Parkway Association, Virginia, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Route 895 Connector Toll Road, Series 1998B, 0.000%, 8/15/13 | | 8/0 |
| 990 | Virginia Housing Development Authority, Commonwealth Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001J-1, 5.200%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded to 9/01/05) - MBIA Insured | | 9/05 |

Washington - 15.8% (10.7% of Total Investments)

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| | Bellingham Housing Authority, Washington, Housing Revenue Bonds, Varsity Village Project, Series 2001A: | | |
| 1,000 | 5.500%, 12/01/27 - MBIA Insured | | 12/11 |
| 2,000 | 5.600%, 12/01/36 - MBIA Insured | | 12/11 |
| 2,090 | Public Utility District 1, Benton County, Washington, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 11/01/15 - FSA Insured | | 11/11 |
| 1,500 | Grays Harbor County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/01/22 - AMBAC Insured | | 1/11 |
| 2,475 | Klickitat County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.000%, 12/01/26 - AMBAC Insured | | 12/11 |
| 12,955 | Port of Seattle, Washington, Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds, Series 1998B, 5.300%, 12/01/16 (Alternative Minimum Tax)- AMBAC Insured | | 12/08 |
| | Port of Seattle, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B: | | |
| 2,535 | 5.625%, 4/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | | 10/11 |
| 16,000 | 5.100%, 4/01/24 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | | 10/08 |
| 5,680 | Seattle, Washington, Municipal Light and Power Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 3/01/18 - FSA Insured | | 3/11 |
| 4,530 | Tacoma, Washington, Solid Waste Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 12/01/21 - AMBAC Insured | | 12/11 |
| 2,250 | Washington, Certificates of Participation, Washington Convention and Trade Center, Series 1999, 5.250%, 7/01/14 - MBIA Insured | | 7/09 |
| | Washington State Healthcare Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, Series 2001: | | |
| 3,005 | 5.375%, 12/01/17 - AMBAC Insured | | 12/11 |
| 2,915 | 5.375%, 12/01/18 - AMBAC Insured | | 12/11 |
| 3,720 | Washington State Healthcare Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/18 - AMBAC Insured | | 10/11 |
| | Washington State Healthcare Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Good Samaritan Hospital, Series 2001: | | |

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| 5,480 | 5.500%, 10/01/21 - RAAI Insured | 10/11 |
| 25,435 | 5.625%, 10/01/31 - RAAI Insured | 10/11 |

Wisconsin - 5.0% (3.4% of Total Investments)

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| Appleton, Wisconsin, Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001: | | |
| 3,705 | 5.375%, 1/01/20 - FGIC Insured | 1/12 |
| 1,850 | 5.000%, 1/01/21 - FGIC Insured | 1/12 |
| 1,735 | Evansville Community School District, Dane, Green and Rock Counties, Wisconsin, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 4/01/20 (Pre-refunded to 4/01/11) - FGIC Insured | 4/11 |
| 12,250 | La Crosse, Wisconsin, Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Series 1997B, 5.550%, 2/01/15 - AMBAC Insured | 12/08 |
| 3,180 | Wisconsin, Clean Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1999-1, 5.500%, 6/01/17 (Pre-refunded to 6/01/09) | 6/09 |
| 4,000 | Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Froedtert and Community Health Obligated Group, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/30 | 10/11 |
| 2,500 | Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Marshfield Clinic, Series 2001B, 6.000%, 2/15/25 | 2/12 |

\$ 874,725 Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$875,464,011) - 147.4%

Short-Term Investments - 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)

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| 3,000 | Clark County School District, Nevada, General Obligation Bonds, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2001A, 2.220%, 6/15/21 - FSA Insured □ |
| 960 | Clark County School District, Nevada, General Obligation Bonds, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2001B, 2.190%, 6/15/21 - FSA Insured □ |

\$ 3,960 Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$3,960,000)

Total Investments (cost \$879,424,011) - 148.0%

Other Assets Less Liabilities - 1.6%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value - (49.6)%

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares - 100%

(1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.

* Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates.

** Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating.

*** Securities are backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Such securities are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.

N/R Investment is not rated.

On December 9, 2002, UAL Corporation, the holding company of United Air Lines, Inc., filed for federal bankruptcy protection. The Adviser determined that it was likely United would not remain current on their interest payment obligations with respect to these bonds and thus has stopped accruing interest.

□ Security has a maturity of more than one year, but has variable rate and demand features which qualify it as

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a short-term security. The rate disclosed is that in effect at the end of the reporting period. This rate changes periodically based on market conditions or a specified market index.

- (a) The issuer has received a preliminary adverse determination from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") regarding the tax-exempt status of the bonds' coupon payments. The Fund will continue to treat coupon payments as tax-exempt income until such time that it is formally determined that the interest on the bonds should be treated as taxable.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing income on taxable market discount securities and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions.

At July 31, 2005, the cost of investments was \$879,264,206.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at July 31, 2005, were as follows:

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| Gross unrealized: | |
| Appreciation | \$53,812,976 |
| Depreciation | (1,530,068) |

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| Net unrealized appreciation of investments | \$52,282,908 |
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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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(Registrant) Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger--Vice President and Secretary

Date 09/29/05

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman--Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date 09/29/05

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Stephen D. Foy--Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date 09/29/05

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.