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: July 12, 2004

Date of earliest event reported: July 12, 2004

Plains Resources Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 13-2898764 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

0-9808

(Commission

File Number)

700 Milam Street, Suite 3100

Houston, Texas 77002

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (832) 239-6000

The information in the Press Release dated July 12, 2002 and attached as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference.	
Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits	
(a) Not applicable.	
(b) Not applicable.	
(c) Exhibits.	

Item 5. Other Events

99.1

Press Release dated July 12, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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

PLAINS RESOURCES INC.

Date: July 12, 2004 /s/ E. Lynn Hill

E. Lynn Hill

Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Each exhibit identified below is filed as part of this report.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated July 12, 2004.