

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2006

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**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): September 18, 2006 (September 18, 2006)

**BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of  
Incorporation or  
Organization)

**1-9735**  
(Commission File Number)

**77-0079387**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**5201 TRUXTUN AVE., STE. 300, BAKERSFIELD,  
CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**93309**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(661) 616-3900**

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD**

On September 18, 2006, Berry Petroleum Company distributed a news release stating that Berry Petroleum Company ranked 59 of 100 Fastest-Growing Companies by Fortune Magazine.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 - News Release by Berry Petroleum Company dated September 18, 2006, titled "Berry Petroleum Ranked 59 of 100 Fastest-Growing Companies by Fortune Magazine".

**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 hereto duly authorized.

**BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY**

By: */s/ Kenneth A. Olson*  
Kenneth A. Olson  
Corporate Secretary

Date: September 18, 2006