

KIRBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 13, 2005

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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): October 12, 2005**

**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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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Item 2.02.

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 12, 2005, Kirby Corporation (“Kirby”) issued a press release announcing it expects its 2005 third quarter earnings to be \$.65 to \$.67 per share, after the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 (c) Exhibits:  
Press release dated October 12, 2005

**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/ Norman W. Nolen  
Norman W. Nolen  
Executive Vice President,  
Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 13, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1

Press release dated October 12, 2005

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