

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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, 2001

Berry Petroleum Company  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u>	<u>1-9735</u>	<u>07-0079387</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	IRS Employer Identification No.

28700 Hovey Hills Road, P.O. Box 925, Taft, CA 93268  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (661) 769-8811

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Information

On September 18, 2001, Berry Petroleum Company, a Delaware corporation, issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein.

Item 7. Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Berry Petroleum Company dated September 18, 2001.

SIGNATURE

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.

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By /s/ Kenneth A. Olson  
Name: Kenneth A. Olson  
Title: Corporate Secretary and Treasurer