

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
June 21, 2011

**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): **June 16, 2011**

**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**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1999 Broadway, Suite 3700, Denver, Colorado**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80202**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 999-4400**

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

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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 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On June 16, 2011, the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources ( DOGGR ) filed a notice of determination that confirms Berry s compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act for its North Midway Sunset Diatomite project. The notice of determination is an important step in the process of the DOGGR issuing a revised project approval letter to Berry for its full-field development.

**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/ Davis O. O Connor*  
Davis O. O Connor  
Corporate Secretary

Date: June 21, 2011