

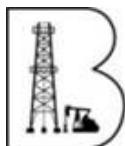
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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)

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

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

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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

