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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

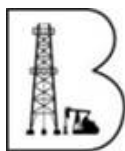
Washington, D.C. 20549

**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): **July 22, 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**

(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700, DENVER,  
COLORADO**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80202**

(Zip Code)

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

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

Berry Petroleum Company announced today that on July 22, 2011 it received a revised project approval letter from the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources ("DOGGR"). The revised project approval letter will allow Berry to continue the full field development of its North Midway-Sunset diatomite asset.

**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'Connor

Davis O'Connor

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: July 25, 2011