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Form 8-K  
April 24, 2003

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) April 24, 2003

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

Delaware	1-9735	77-0079387
(State or other	(Commission File	IRS Employer
jurisdiction of	Number)	Identification No.
incorporation)		

5201 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 300 Bakersfield, CA 93309  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (661) 616-3900

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

Item 5. Other Events

On April 24, 2003, 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 by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Proforma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press Release of Berry Petroleum Company dated  
April 24, 2003.

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

April 24, 2003