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BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2005

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) January 19, 2005

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

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

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD

(c) Exhibits

The following Exhibits are hereby furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit 99 - News Release dated January 19, 2005 regarding the Registrant's setting its 2005 capital budget at \$100 million.

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

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