

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2005

UNITED STATES  
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

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Date of Report  
(Date of earliest  
event reported): January 18, 2005

Whiting Petroleum Corporation

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-31899  
  
(Commission File  
Number)

20-0098515  
  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80290-2300

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(303)837-1661

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 18, 2005, Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release containing certain operational and financial information with respect to the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2004. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits:
  - (99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated January 18, 2005.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: January 20, 2005

By: /s/ James J. Volker  
James J. Volker  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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