

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 20, 2005

**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) May 19, 2005

**OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9210**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-4035997**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10889 Wilshire Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**90024**  
(ZIP code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(310) 208-8800**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
  - o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 8 Other Events**

Item 8.01. Other Events

On May 19, 2005, Occidental Petroleum Corporation issued a press release describing the acquisition of an interest in oil and gas production in the Permian Basin of West Texas. The full text of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

DATE: May 20, 2005

/s/ Jim A. Leonard  
Jim A. Leonard, Vice President and Controller  
(Chief Accounting and Duly Authorized Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press release dated May 19, 2005.