

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
Form 8-K  
September 27, 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)

September 27, 2005 (September 26, 2005)

**St. Mary Land & Exploration Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-31539  
(Commission  
File Number)

41-0518430  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 700, Denver, Colorado 80203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 861-8140

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 26, 2005, St. Mary Land & Exploration issued a press release announcing that approximately 187 MMCFE of production, net to St. Mary, was shut-in through Monday, September 26, as a result of Hurricane Rita. Approximately 31 MMCFE of production, net to St. Mary, remains shut-in, and St. Mary expects the vast majority of the remaining shut-in production to be restored within the next few weeks. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company dated September 26, 2005

**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.

Date: September 27, 2005

By:

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY  
/S/ DAVID W. HONEYFIELD  
David W. Honeyfield  
Vice President Chief Financial Officer,  
Treasurer and Secretary