

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
Form 8-K
January 19, 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): January 19, 2005

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12534
(Commission File Number)

72-1133047
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

363 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 2020
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77060
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 847-6000

Not Applicable

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

Newfield Exploration Company today announced that in connection with the preparation of its consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 it had concluded to fully write off the \$35 million book value associated with the Enserch Garden Banks floating production facility (EGB) and related pipelines and processing facility. As a result, the Company will record an after-tax net charge in the fourth quarter of 2004 of \$22.8 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share. The write off will not impact the current portion of taxes in 2004. Associated tax benefits would be realized in 2005 or beyond.

Newfield acquired a 60% interest in the EGB facility in its late 2002 acquisition of EEX Corporation. Since that time, the Company has undertaken to sell the EGB and related components and has determined that there is no market for this unique asset.

The statements set forth in this report regarding anticipated tax benefits are forward-looking and are based upon assumptions and anticipated results that are subject to numerous uncertainties. Actual results may vary significantly from those anticipated due to many factors, including the Company's future results of operations.

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.

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: January 19, 2005

By: /s/ TERRY W. RATHERT

Terry W. Rathert
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer