WHITING PETROLEUM CORP Form 8-K July 27, 2011

### 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 July 27, reported): 2011

### Whiting Petroleum Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-31899 20-0098515
(State or other (Commission File (IRS Employer jurisdiction of Number) Identification No.) incorporation)

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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- £ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 C.F.R. §230.425)
- £ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.14a-12)
- £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.14d-2(b))

£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2011, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011 and providing certain guidance for the third quarter of 2011 and full year 2011. 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) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
      - (d) Exhibits:
- (99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated July 27, 2011.

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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: July 27, 2011 By: /s/ James J. Volker

James J. Volker

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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