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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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	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): December 2, 2004	
	Whiting Petroleum Corporation	
(I	Exact name of registrant as specified in its charte	er)
Delaware	1-31899	20-0098515
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1700	Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80290)-2300
(Add	ress of principal executive offices, including zip	code)
	(303)837-1661	
(F	Registrant's telephone number, including area coo	de)
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 2, 2004, Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing the Company s estimated non-acquisition capital budget for 2005. A copy of the Company s press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) <u>Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired</u>. Not applicable.
- (b) <u>Pro Forma Financial Information</u>. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits:
 - (99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated December 2, 2004.

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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: December 2, 2004 By: /s/ James J. Volker

James J. Volker Chairman, President and

Chief Executive Officer

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