WHITING PETROLEUM CORP Form 8-K April 27, 2011

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report

(Date of earliest

event reported):

April 27, 2011

Whiting Petroleum Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

the registrant under any of the following provisions:

1-31899 (Commission File Number) 20-0098515 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

On April 27, 2011, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the first quarter of 2011 and providing certain guidance for the second quarter of 2011 and full year 2011. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

(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 April 27, 2011.

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Item 9.01.

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

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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