

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 20, 2010

**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 20, 2010**

**Whiting Petroleum Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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  
(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(303) 837-1661

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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)
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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 8.01. Other Events.**

For purposes of Whiting Petroleum Corporation's (the Company's) Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-159055) (the Registration Statement), the Company's computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the six month period ended June 30, 2010, and the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005, is filed herewith as Exhibit 12.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Registration Statement.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

12.1 Computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the six month period ended June 30, 2010, and the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 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.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: September 20, 2010

By: /s/ James J. Volker  
James J. Volker  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description
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