WHITING PETROLEUM CORP Form 8-K October 31, 2006

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## 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): October 30, 2006 Whiting Petroleum Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

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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)

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 30, 2006, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the third quarter of 2006 and providing certain guidance for the fourth quarter of 2006 and full year 2006. 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) <u>Shell Company Transactions</u>. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits:
  - (99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated October 30, 2006.

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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: October 30, 2006

By: /s/ James J. Volker James J. Volker Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer -3-

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Exhibit Number

Description

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