PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO

Form 8-K March 22, 2005

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): March 21, 2005

Pioneer Natural Resources Company
-----(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 900, Irving, Texas 75039

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(972) 444-9001
-----(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable
-----(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 21, 2005, Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the "Company") issued a news release that is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1. In the news release, the Company announced (i) the execution by its Alaskan subsidiary of a multi- year contract with Doyon Drilling, Inc. and Akita Drilling, Ltd. to build and operate a new drilling rig designed for exploration drilling on the North Slope of Alaska and (ii) the assignment of its 40 percent working interest in the Tuvaaq exploration well on Alaska's North Slope.

- Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 News Release dated March 21, 2005.

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SIGNATURE

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.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

Date: March 22, 2005

By: /s/ Darin G. Holderness

Darin G. Holderness

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description
----99.1(a) News Release dated March 21, 2005.

(a) filed herewith

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