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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): June 16, 2011

## **BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 1-9735 (Commission File Number) **77-0079387** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1999 Broadway, Suite 3700, Denver, Colorado** (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80202** (Zip Code)

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#### ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On June 16, 2011, the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources ( DOGGR ) filed a notice of determination that confirms Berry s compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act for its North Midway Sunset Diatomite project. The notice of determination is an important step in the process of the DOGGR issuing a revised project approval letter to Berry for its full-field development.

#### **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 hereto duly authorized.

#### BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: /s/ Davis O. O Connor Davis O. O Connor

Corporate Secretary

Date: June 21, 2011

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