

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)
August 3, 2005 (August 3, 2005)

St. Mary Land & Exploration Company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-31539
(Commission
File Number)

41-0518430
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 700, Denver, Colorado 80203
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 861-8140

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2.):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 30, 2005, St. Mary Land & Exploration issued a press release announcing that approximately 21 MMCFE per day of production, net to St. Mary, was shut-in on Saturday, August 27, as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Approximately 50 percent of the shut-in production was put back on production on August 30, and St. Mary expects the vast majority of the remaining shut-in production to be restored in the near future. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company dated August 30, 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.

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: August 31, 2005

By: /S/ DAVID W. HONEYFIELD
David W. Honeyfield
Vice President – Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary

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ST. MARY ANNOUNCES PRODUCTION IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA

DENVER – August 30, 2005 – St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (NYSE: SM) today announced that as a result of Hurricane Katrina, approximately 21 MMCFE per day of production, net to St. Mary, was shut-in on Saturday, August 27. Approximately 50% of the shut-in production located at the BP operated Judge Digby field near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was put back on production today. The Company expects that the vast majority of the remaining shut-in production will be restored in the near future, as St. Mary's other affected properties are located west of New Orleans where minimal hurricane damage was sustained. The Company is awaiting the reopening of pipelines that service these remaining shut-in properties.

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of securities laws. The words "will" and "expects" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, which may cause actual results to differ materially from results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These risks include such factors as the uncertain nature of preliminary damage assessments for Hurricane Katrina, the volatility and level of oil and natural gas prices, production rates and reserve replacement, the imprecise nature of oil and gas reserve estimates, uncertainties in cash flow, the availability of attractive exploration and development and property acquisition opportunities and any necessary financing, competition, litigation, environmental matters, and other such matters discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of St. Mary's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC. Although St. Mary may from time to time voluntarily update its prior forward-looking statements, it disclaims any commitment to do so except as required by securities laws.

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