

**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 11, 2008**

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant
as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9210

(Commission File Number)

95-4035997

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

10889 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90024

(Zip Code)

(310) 208-8800

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencements communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 11, 2008, Occidental filed a post-effective amendment to its shelf registration statement (No. 333-152875), to limit the shelf to only senior debt securities, which it may offer from time to time. The Company has terminated its medium-term note program and has no current plans to make any offerings of senior debt securities or any other debt or equity securities.

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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.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: August 11, 2008

By: /s/ Jim A. Leonard

Name: Jim A. Leonard

Title: Vice President and Controller

