

GULFPORT ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): January 16, 2006**

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**GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-19514**  
(Commission File Number)

**73-1521290**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**14313 North May Avenue**

**Suite 100**

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**73134**  
(Zip code)

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(405) 848-8807

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 16, 2005, Gulfport Energy Corporation issued a press release providing updates on its 2005 drilling program and the effects of Hurricane Rita. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated January 16, 2006. |

**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.

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ MICHAEL MOORE

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Michael Moore  
*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Date: January 17, 2006

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