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)

October 22, 2004

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-16009 (Commission 76-0560101 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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1200 Smith Street, Suite 800

Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(713) 759-1770

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

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 22, 2004, we issued a press release announcing project and production status updates for the third quarter of 2004. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- a. Exhibits
- 99.1 Project and Production Status Update Press Release

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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.

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: October 25, 2004 By: /s/ JEFFREY C. ZARUBA

Name: Jeffrey C. Zaruba

Title: Vice President, Treasurer and

Assistant Secretary