

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) February 27, 2003

Petroleum Development Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<u>Nevada</u>	<u>0-7246</u>	<u>95-2636730</u>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

103 East Main Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 304-842-3597

no change
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On March 11, 2003, the Company issued a news release announcing the planned retirement of CEO and Chairman James N. Ryan. The news release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 99.1 The press release of Petroleum Development Corporation, dated March 11, 2003 announcing the planned retirement of CEO and Chairman James N. Ryan.

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.

Petroleum Development Corporation

Date March 11, 2003

By /s/ Dale G. Rettinger
Dale G. Rettinger