

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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) January 3, 2006

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 8.01. Other events of importance to security holders.

On January 3, 2006, the Petroleum Development announces close of third and final 2005 drilling partnership.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The news release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference

## 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

By /s/ Darwin L. Stump  
Darwin L. Stump  
Chief Financial Officer  
Date January 3, 2006