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Form 8-K  
March 24, 2009

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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):  
March 24, 2009

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-20193 (Commission File Number)	73-1238709 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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8801 S. Yale, Suite 120 (Address of principal executive office)	74137-3575 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (918-488-8068)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 24, 2009, the registrant sent out a letter to the

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shareholders. A copy of the letter is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Letter to the shareholders of Empire Petroleum Corporation  
dated March 24, 2009

### 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 officer.

Date: March 24, 2009

Empire Petroleum Corporation

BY: /s/ Albert E. Whitehead  
Chief Executive Officer