
**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 AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2012

IMPERIAL PETROLEUM, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-9923
(Commission
File Number)

95-3386019
(IRS Employer
Identification)

**710 Norfleet Drive West
Middletown, IN 47356**
(Address of principal executive office and zip code)

(765) 354-9832
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

The Registrant reported on February 9, 2012 that it had accepted the resignation of Rob Willmann from its Board of Directors. Mr. Willmann resigned due to time constraints and had no disagreements with the Management of the Company or with its independent accountants.

The Board is currently conducting a search for a new Board member.

ITEM 9.01 EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description of Exhibit</u> |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Letter of Resignation – Rob Willmann |

Mr. Jones:

I respectfully tender this, my resignation from the Board of Directors of Imperial Petroleum, effective immediately. The numerous emails and telephone discussions during the short time I was appointed to the board have brought me to the conclusion that the commitment of my personal time required to be a productive and responsible member of the Board far exceeds what I had expected. The issues facing the company are critical and will require a substantial commitment of time and energy going forward. In fairness to my family and job, I cannot continue to serve as a director.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert Willmann

Robert Willmann
2-9-2012