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October 22, 2004

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 19, 2004

Pioneer Natural Resources Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-13245	75-2702753
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 900, Irving, Texas	75039
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(972) 444-9001

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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

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Item 2.06. Material Impairments

On October 19, 2004, the officers of Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the "Company") concluded that a material charge for impairment was required under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" for its assets in the Gabonese Olowi field as development has been postponed indefinitely. As a result of significant increases in projected field development costs, primarily due to recent increases in steel costs, the project does not offer competitive projected returns. The Company has recorded an associated impairment charge in the third quarter of 2004 with an after-tax effect of approximately \$10 million. The impairment charge eliminates the carrying value of the Company's Gabonese Olowi field. Additionally, the Company does not expect to have any material future cash expenditures associated with the Olowi field project.

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S I G N A T U R E

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.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

Date: October 22, 2004

By: /s/ Richard P. Dealy

Richard P. Dealy
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer