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VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2002

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) April 17, 2002  
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VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-10578	73-1182669
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
110 West Seventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma		74119
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(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code		(918) 592-0101
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Not applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.  
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On April 17, 2002, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that it is offering \$250,000,000 of senior notes. The press release states that the notes will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and that such notes may not be

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offered or sold in the United States absent registration or pursuant to an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Act. The press release was issued in accordance with Rule 135c promulgated under the Act.

A copy of the press release dated April 17, 2002, is attached as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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(c) Exhibits.

99 Press release dated April 17, 2002, issued by the Registrant.

SIGNATURES  
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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.

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

Date: April 17, 2002

By: /s/ Michael F. Meimerstorf  
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Michael F. Meimerstorf  
Vice President and Controller

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