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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): MAY 1, 2003

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) of Incorporation)

1-12534

363 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E., SUITE 2020 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77060 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(281) 847-6000 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press release issued by Newfield Exploration Company on May 1, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On May 1, 2003, Newfield issued a press release announcing a shelf discovery at West Cameron 73. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: May 1, 2003 By: /s/ TERRY W. RATHERT

Terry W. Rathert

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Authorized Officer and Principal

Financial Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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