

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

May 10, 2006

**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): **May 9, 2006**
MARINER ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-32747
(Commission
File Number)

86-0460233
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**One BriarLake Plaza, Suite 2000
2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South
Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

77042
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 954-5500**
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 9, 2006, Mariner issued a press release that announced financial results for first quarter 2006 and provided an operational update. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits.*

No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated May 9, 2006.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

MARINER ENERGY, INC.

Date: May 9, 2006

By: /s/ Rick G. Lester
Rick G. Lester,
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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99.1	Press Release dated May 9, 2006.