PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO Form 8-K August 29, 2016

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): August 23, 2016

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 75039 (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 1.04 Mine Safety.

On August 23, 2016, Premier Silica LLC ("Premier Silica"), a subsidiary of Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the "Company"), underwent an inspection by the Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA") at Premier Silica's Millwood Operation in Knox County, Ohio. In the course of that inspection, Premier Silica received an imminent danger order issued by MSHA under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. According to the order, among other allegations, the inspector detected certain natural gas leaks while inspecting the dryer building, which was not in operation at the time. Employees of Premier Silica found leaks in a low pressure fuel line for the sand dryer burner at the facility, and repairs are near completion. There were no accidents or injuries. Under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company is required to disclose the issuance of this order on Form 8-K.

SIGNATURE

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

By:/s/ Margaret M. Montemayor Margaret M. Montemayor, Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: August 29, 2016