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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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 3, 2005

STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-50132

76-0502785

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

333 CLAY STREET, SUITE 3600
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002-4109

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(713) 650-3700

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(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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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

Sterling Chemicals, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release today regarding fire damage to its styrene production facilities and certain effects on operations from such damage. The press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Statements in this report that contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the length of time to complete repairs to its production facilities, the timing of the return to normal operations, the Company's ability to meet contractual commitments in the interim and the extent of the Company's ability to recover its losses under its various insurance policies. Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or projected. A discussion of the risk factors that could impact these areas and Sterling's overall business and financial performance can be found in Sterling's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Sterling's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this report, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of October 3, 2005 |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Crump

Richard K. Crump
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 3, 2005

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