

MURPHY OIL CORP /DE  
Form 8-K  
March 02, 2011

**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): March 1, 2011**

**MURPHY OIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-8590**  
(Commission

File Number)

**71-0361522**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**200 Peach Street**

**P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**71731-7000**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code 870-862-6411**

**Not applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On March 1, 2011, Steven A. Cossé, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Murphy Oil Corporation, retired from the Company. Mr. Cossé had served the Company in various capacities for more than 41 years.

Effective with the retirement of Mr. Cossé, Walter K. Compton has been appointed Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the Company. Mr. Compton joined the Company in 1988 after obtaining a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University and a law degree from the University of Arkansas. Mr. Compton was Vice President, Law from February 2009 to February 2011, and had been Secretary from December 1996 to February 2011.

**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.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Eckart  
John W. Eckart  
Vice President & Controller

Date: March 2, 2011