

**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**

**April 28, 2009
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12317
(Commission
File Number)

76-0475815
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

7909 Parkwood Circle Dr.
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77036
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **713-346-7500**

(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:

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

In connection with a review of its executive compensation practices, National Oilwell Varco, Inc. has determined that it will no longer include excise tax gross-up payment provisions in new and materially amended change in control agreements with its named executive officers.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 28, 2009

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

/s/ Clay C. Williams

Clay C. Williams

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer