

STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2008

**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)  
September 18, 2008 (September 18, 2008)

**STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-50132**  
(Commission File No.)

**76-0502785**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002-4109**  
(Zip Code)

**(713) 650-3700**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former names or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

Sterling Chemicals, Inc. ( Sterling ) reported that preliminary assessments of its Texas City plant revealed no significant structural damage due to Hurricane Ike and efforts are well under way to restore the plant to full production capabilities. Sterling currently expects operations to resume to normal levels during the first week of October assuming restoration of feed and product transportation logistics.

The press release announcing Sterling s preliminary assessments is included in this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated September 18, 2008

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**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.

Date: September 18, 2008

**STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ John V. Genova  
John V. Genova  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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**Exhibit Index**

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99.1	Press Release dated September 18, 2008