TENET HEALTHCARE CORP Form 8-K September 01, 2005

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: August 30, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State of Incorporation)

1-7293 (Commission File Number)

95-2557091 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

13737 Noel Road

Dallas, Texas 75240

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(469) 893-2200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 30, 2005, Tenet Healthcare Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that a preliminary assessment shows its five hospitals in the New Orleans area and its one hospital in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area suffered considerable water and wind damage from Hurricane Katrina, and three of them have been forced to evacuate all patients and staff. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

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.

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert S. Shapard

Robert S. Shapard Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 1, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release issued on August 30, 2005

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