

CNA FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 11, 2005

**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) **October 11, 2005**  
**CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**1-5823**

**36-6169860**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**CNA Center, Chicago, Illinois**

**60685**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 822-5000

**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 11, 2005, Registrant issued a press release announcing its preliminary estimate of losses related to Hurricane Katrina and other third quarter hurricanes. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. The information under Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information under Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.    Description

99.1            CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued October 11, 2005 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K).

**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.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date    October 11, 2005

/s/ D. Craig Mense  
(Signature)

By: D. Craig Mense  
Its: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer