

North American Energy Partners Inc.  
Form 6-K  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October 2011

Commission File Number 001-33161

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Zone 3 Acheson Industrial Area  
2-53016 Highway 60  
Acheson, Alberta  
Canada T7X 5A7  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.  
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Yes  No

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Documents Included as Part of this Report

- | No. | News Release  |
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| 1.  | NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS ADOPTS SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS PLAN |
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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, thereunto duly authorized.

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS INC.

Date: October 7, 2011

By: /s/ David Blackley

Name: David Blackley  
Title: Chief Financial  
Officer