

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

January 24, 2012

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) January 24, 2012

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri  
(Address of principal executive offices)

63101-1826  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-3400

N/A

(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 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 24, 2012, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") issued a press release setting forth Peabody's fourth quarter and full year 2011 financial results and providing guidance on Peabody's first quarter 2012 forecasted results. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated January 24, 2012.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

January 24, 2012

By: /s/ Michael C. Crews  
Name: Michael C. Crews  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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