

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2009

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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):

April 16, 2009

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 342-3400

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 5.05 Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics.**

(a) On April 16, 2009, the Board of Directors of Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") adopted amendments to Peabody's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code of Ethics") which had previously been adopted on April 24, 2008. The Code of Ethics, which is applicable to all directors, officers and salaried employees of Peabody, its subsidiaries and affiliates, was amended to clarify and expand Peabody's policies with respect to: (i) the retention of records and other communications; (ii) Equal Opportunity and Sexual or Other Illegal Harassment; and (iii) the use of Peabody's computers, electronic communications and network security. The Code of Ethics was amended to reflect a "plain English" style to make it easier to read and understand. In addition, an introductory letter from Gregory H. Boyce, Peabody's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, was included.

The above descriptions of the amendments to the Code of Ethics are qualified in their entirety by reference to the amended Code of Ethics, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, and incorporated herein by reference.

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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

*April 17, 2009*

By: *Kenneth L. Wagner*

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*Name: Kenneth L. Wagner*

*Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and  
Assistant Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Peabody Energy Corporation 2009 Code of Business Conduct and Ethics