

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 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 26, 2012

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-16463 (Commission File Number)	13-4004153 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri (Address of principal executive offices)	63101-1826 (Zip Code)
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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 1.04 Mine Safety - Reporting of Shutdowns and Patterns of Violations.

On January 26, 2012, Peabody Midwest Mining LLC, a subsidiary of Peabody Energy Corporation, was issued an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. The mine involved was the Francisco Underground Mine located in Francisco, Indiana. The order was issued due to a repairman allegedly working on a piece of energized mining equipment in violation of lock out policies.

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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

February 1, 2012

By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner  
Name: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel  
and Assistant Secretary