

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
November 24, 2010

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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):

November 19, 2010

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

63101-1826

(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

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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act") was enacted. Section 1503 of the Act contains new reporting requirements regarding mine safety, including disclosing on a Current Report on Form 8-K the receipt of written notice from the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA") that a coal or other mine of which the issuer or a subsidiary is an operator has a pattern or potential pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards under section 104(e) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the "Mine Act").

On November 19, 2010, Peabody Midwest Operations LLC, a subsidiary of Peabody Energy Corporation, received a notice from MSHA that a potential pattern of violations exists at the Willow Lake Portal Mine. The notification was based upon a screening by MSHA of compliance records and of accident and employment records at the mine. Peabody Midwest Operations LLC is questioning whether the mine meets the criteria in the screening based on conflicting data from the same source.

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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.

*November 24, 2010*

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

By: *Kenneth L. Wagner*

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*Name: Kenneth L. Wagner*

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