

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2012

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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):

March 23, 2012

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:

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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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 23, 2012, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") issued a press release announcing that, due to Australia weather-related events, its first quarter 2012 financial results are now expected to be near the low end of the original targeted range of \$500 to \$600 million in EBITDA and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$0.50 to \$0.75. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

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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

*March 23, 2012*

*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><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Peabody Energy Corporation press release dated March 23, 2012.