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Form 8-K  
January 31, 2003

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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 30, 2003  
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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

1-16463

13-4004153

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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(Commission File Number)

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification

701 MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

63101

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

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

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

See the Exhibit Index at page 4 of this report.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On January 30, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") issued a press release setting forth Peabody's calendar year and fourth quarter 2002 earnings, and Peabody's 2003 forecast. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: January 30, 2003

/s/ RICHARD A. NAVARRE

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Richard A. Navarre  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit No. -----	Description of Exhibit -----
99.1	Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated January 30, 2003.

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