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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) July 19, 2005

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

701 Market Street, St. Louis,
Missouri
Address of principal executive offices)

1-16463
(Commission File Number)
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

63101
(Zip Code)

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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 19, 2005, Peabody Energy Corporation (Peabody) issued a press release setting forth Peabody s second quarter and year-to-date 2005 earnings and providing guidance on Peabody s third quarter and full year 2005 forecasted results. A copy of Peabody s press release is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated July 19, 2005.

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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: July 19, 2005 RICHARD A. NAVARRE

Richard A. Navarre
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer