

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2011

**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 26, 2011**

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | <b>1-16463</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>13-4004153</b><br>(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)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code ccodecode **(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 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 an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Mine Act ) issued by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration ( MSHA ). On July 26, 2011, Peabody Midwest Mining LLC, a subsidiary of Peabody Energy Corporation, received an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Mine Act. The order alleged that a contractor at the new maintenance shop construction site was observed climbing an extended ladder with no back guards or any type of fall protection installed. The contractor was immediately removed from the hazard.

**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**

*August 1, 2011*

*By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner*

*Name: Kenneth L. Wagner*

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

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