

ARCH COAL INC  
Form 8-K  
November 15, 2005

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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 14, 2005

Arch Coal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13105

43-0921172

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300, St. Louis,  
Missouri

63141

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 994-2725

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 November 14, 2005, Arch Coal, Inc. announced an update on the status of its West Elk mine. A copy of Arch Coal, Inc.'s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release dated November 14, 2005

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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.

Arch Coal, Inc.

*November 14, 2005*

*By: /s/ Robert G. Jones*

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*Name: Robert G. Jones*

*Title: Vice President - Law, General Counsel & Secretary*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99	Press Release dated November 14, 2005