

ARCH COAL INC
Form 8-K
October 03, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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): **September 30, 2011 (September 30, 2011)**

Arch Coal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-13105
(Commission File Number)

43-0921172
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**CityPlace One
One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300
St. Louis, Missouri 63141**
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 994-2700**

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- 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On September 30, 2011, Arch Coal, Inc. issued the attached press release entitled Arch Coal Revises Earnings Guidance for Full Year 2011, Announces Date of Third Quarter Earnings Conference Call.

The information contained in Item 2.02 and the exhibits attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) 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.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are attached hereto and filed herewith.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated September 30, 2011. |

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.

Dated: September 30, 2011

Arch Coal, Inc.

By:

/s/ Robert G. Jones
Robert G. Jones
Senior Vice President Law, General Counsel and
Secretary

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