

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2015

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d)

of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2015 (December 18, 2015)

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-16463

(Commission File Number)

13-4004153

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

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of principal executive offices)

63101-1826

(Zip Code)

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 18, 2015, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality notified Peabody Energy Corporation (the “Company”) through its applicable subsidiaries that the state has completed its review of self-bonding related to permits that were under renewal for the North Antelope Rochelle and Rawhide surface mines, and reaffirmed self-bonding eligibility for both permits.

As part of the Company’s normal operations in the United States, the Company is required to reclaim mined lands. The Company fully accounts for the ongoing cost of land restoration, as well as the present value of liabilities associated with final land restoration, within our financial statements. The Company also provides financial assurance for its reclamation obligations through a mix of self-bonding, commercial surety bonds, bank guarantees and letters of credit.

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

December 21, 2015

By: /s/ A. Verona Dorch  
Name: A. Verona Dorch  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer,  
Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary