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

January 18, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CONSOL Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-14901 (Commission File Number) 51-0337383 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Consol Plaza

1800 Washington Road

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241

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(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(412) 831-4000

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

" 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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

The following information is filed pursuant to Item 8.01, Other Events.

CONSOL Energy Inc. issued a press release on January 18, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated January 18, 2005.

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.

CONSOL ENERGY INC.

By: /s/ William J. Lyons

William J. Lyons Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 18, 2005

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

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Press Release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated January 18, 2005.