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PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2001

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 27, 2001  
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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
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1-16463  
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13-4004153  
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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File  
Number)

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

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri  
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63101  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-3400  
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N/A  
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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,  
if changed since last report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated July 27, 2001.

Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year

On July 27, 2001, the Registrant issued a press release indicating that it will change its fiscal year-end from March 31 to December 31. The decision was made to improve the comparability of the Registrant's results with the industry and to aid the financial community's analysis of the business. The change will first be effective with respect to the nine month period ended December 31, 2001.

The Registrant will file an Annual Report on Form 10-K to cover the April 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 transition period on or before March 31, 2002.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: July 31, 2001

/s/ Richard A. Navarre

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Richard A. Navarre  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit No. -----	Description of Exhibit
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