

CONSOL Energy Inc  
Form 8-K  
January 14, 2011

**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): January 11, 2011**

**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.)

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**CNX Center**

**1000 CONSOL Energy Drive**

**Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(724) 485-4000**

**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):

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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.**

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ) was enacted. Section 1503 of the Dodd-Frank Act contains new reporting requirements regarding mine safety, including disclosing the receipt of an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Mine Act ) issued by the Mine Safety and Health Administration ( MSHA ) in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

On January 11, 2011, CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., a subsidiary of CONSOL Energy Inc. (the Company ) and the operator of the Company s MT-34/PEG Fork mine (the Wiley Surface Mine ) located in Mingo County, West Virginia, received an imminent danger order (the Order ) with respect to the Wiley Surface Mine under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act. Imminent danger orders are generally issued by MSHA in situations in which MSHA determines that an imminent danger exists and result in orders of immediate withdrawal from the area of the mine affected by the condition.

The Order stated that a sudden freezing winter storm had caused 3,000 feet of the coal haulage road at the Wiley Surface Mine to freeze and be very slick. According to the language of the Order, the Order was issued to prevent persons from traveling the road until the road could be made safe to travel. In response to the Order, mine personnel dispatched road maintenance personnel to assist and fix the road condition. Traffic was stopped while the road was regraded and gravel was applied. The Order was terminated approximately one hour after it was issued. No injuries resulted from the condition described in the Order.

**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/* STEPHEN W. JOHNSON  
**Stephen W. Johnson**  
**Senior Vice President and General Counsel**

Dated: January 14, 2011