

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

September 14, 2010

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**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) September 9, 2010**  
**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>1-16463</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>13-4004153</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>63101-1826</b> (Zip Code)
	Registrant's telephone number, including area code <b>N/A</b> (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)	<b>(314) 342-3400</b>

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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 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 9, 2010, Peabody Energy Corporation announced the expiration of its previously announced offer to purchase for cash any and all of its \$650,000,000 outstanding principal amount of 6 7/8% Senior Notes due 2013 specified in the offer to purchase dated August 11, 2010. A press release announcing the final results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated September 9, 2010, announcing the expiration of the tender offer

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**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 13, 2010

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner

Name: Kenneth L. Wagner

Title: Vice President, Assistant General  
Counsel

and Assistant Secretary