PEABODY ENERGY CORP Form 8-K January 05, 2005

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):

December 30, 2004

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-16463	13-4004153
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri		63101
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		(314) 342-3400
	Not Applicable	
Former nan	ne or former address, if changed since	last report
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 30, 2004, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") announced via press release that one of its units was the winning bidder for a lease on 324 million tons of high Btu, low sulfur coal reserves in the Powder River Basin. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

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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.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

January 5, 2005 By: Richard A. Navarre

Name: Richard A. Navarre

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated December 30, 2004.