PEABODY ENERGY CORP Form 8-K July 20, 2010

# 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):

July 20, 2010

# 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		63101-1826
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		(314) 342-3400
	Not Applicable	
Former nar	me or former address, if changed since	ast report
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### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 20, 2010, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") issued a press release setting forth Peabody's second quarter 2010 financial results and updating its 2010 earnings outlook. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No: 99.1

Description of Exhibit: Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated July 20, 2010.

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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

July 20, 2010 By: \( \s/\text{Michael C. Crews} \)

Name: Michael C. Crews

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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