

CONSOL Energy Inc  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2012  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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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 26, 2012

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CONSOL Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-14901  
(Commission File Number)

51-0337383  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

CONSOL Energy Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release on January 26, 2012 announcing its 2011 fourth fiscal quarter results. A copy of the earnings release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report and the exhibit hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Current Report and exhibit hereto shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD

The response to Item 2.02 is incorporated herein by reference to this Item 7.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1            Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated January 26, 2012

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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.

CONSOL ENERGY INC.

By: /s/ William J. Lyons  
William J. Lyons  
Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

Dated: January 26, 2012

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated January 26, 2012