

CONSOL Energy Inc  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 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): July 20, 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)**

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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 20, 2011, McElroy Coal Company, a subsidiary of CONSOL Energy Inc. (the Company ) and the operator of the Company's McElroy mine (the McElroy Mine ) located in Marshall County, West Virginia, received an imminent danger order (the Order ) from the Mine Safety and Health Administration ( MSHA ) with respect to the McElroy Mine under Section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Mine Act ). Imminent danger orders are generally issued by MSHA under the Mine Act 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 described a methane accumulation at the McElroy Mine. In response to the Order, all personnel were withdrawn from the affected areas. The air volume was then increased in the affected areas, bringing the methane content in those areas back to within acceptable levels. The Order was terminated within two hours of its issuance. 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: July 25, 2011