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Form 8-K  
January 17, 2003

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) JANUARY 15, 2003

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

1-16463

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employ

701 MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(314)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On January 15, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation issued a press release regarding two events, an adverse U.S. Supreme Court ruling and the recognition of certain income tax benefits, that will impact earnings for the fourth quarter of 2002.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

See the Exhibit Index at page 4 of this report.

SIGNATURE

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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

Date: January 16, 2003

RICHARD A. NAVARRE

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Richard A. Navarre  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit No. -----	Description of Exhibit -----
99.1	Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated January 15, 2003.

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