

ARCH COAL INC  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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): **February 13, 2012 (February 8, 2012)**

**Arch Coal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-13105**  
(Commission File Number)

**43-0921172**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**CityPlace One  
One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300  
St. Louis, Missouri 63141**

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 994-2700**

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**Item 1.04 Mine Safety Reporting of Shutdowns and Patterns of Violation**

On February 8, 2012, ICG Eastern, LLC, a subsidiary of Arch Coal, Inc., received an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Mine Act alleging that a truck turned over due to snow and slippery road conditions and ordered the closing of the road at the Birch River Mine located near Cowan, West Virginia. Mine personnel had already begun corrective action at the time of the incident and the order was promptly terminated.

**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.

Dated: February 13, 2012

Arch Coal, Inc.

By:

/s/ Robert G. Jones  
Robert G. Jones  
Senior Vice President Law, General Counsel and  
Secretary