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PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2002

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)      OCTOBER 16, 2002

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

701 MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code      (314) 342-3400

N/A

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On October 16, 2002, Peabody Energy Corporation issued a press release concerning Adjusted EBITDA and earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2002 and revised guidance on Adjusted EBITDA and earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2002.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

99.1      Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated October 16, 2002.

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: October 17, 2002

By: RICHARD A. NAVARRE

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Richard A. Navarre  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal 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  |
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