

ARCH COAL INC  
Form 8-K  
September 04, 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): **September 4, 2012 (August 31, 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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  - 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 31, 2012, Mr. David N. Warnecke, Senior Vice President of Marketing of Arch Coal, Inc. (the Company ) announced he will retire from the Company in May 2014. As part of his retirement plan, Mr. Warnecke will step down from his current position on December 31, 2012 and transition to a new role until his retirement date spearheading the Company s efforts to expand and strengthen its transportation, logistics and supply chain capabilities.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On August 31, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the retirement of Mr. Warnecke described above. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is attached hereto and furnished herewith.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated August 31, 2012.

**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: September 4, 2012

Arch Coal, Inc.

By:

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

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