

CONSOL ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
December 22, 2005

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): December 21, 2005

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.)

Consol Plaza
1800 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

15241
(Zip code)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(412) 831-4000

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

CONSOL Energy Inc. issued a press release on December 21, 2005 that is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. The attached press release is incorporated by reference into this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated December 21, 2005.

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/ P. Jerome Richey

P. Jerome Richey
Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Dated: December 22, 2005

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