

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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**

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**CONSOL Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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)**

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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)
  - .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - .. 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

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P. Jerome Richey  
Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Dated: December 22, 2005

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