UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): November 12, 2014 (November 10, 2014)

Arch Coal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13105 (Commission File Number) **43-0921172** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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))

Item 1.04 Mine Safety — Reporting of Shutdowns and Patterns of Violations.

On November 10, 2014, Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C., a subsidiary of Arch Coal, Inc., received an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 at the West Elk mine located in Gunnison County, Colorado. Two individuals were riding on a moving trailer. The two individuals were removed and the problem was corrected.

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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: November 12, 2014

Arch Coal, Inc.

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