ARCH COAL INC Form 8-K August 24, 2006

# 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): | August 24, 200 |
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| Date of Report (Date of Larnest Event Reported).  | August 24, 200 |

# Arch Coal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware   | 1-13105                            | 43-0921172                            |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)         | (Commission<br>File Number)        | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No |
| One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300, St. Louis,<br>Missouri |                                    | 63141                                 |
| (Address of principal executive offices)               |                                    | (Zip Code)                            |
| Registrant s telephone number, including area          | code:                              | (314) 994-2725                        |
|  | Not Applicable                     |                                       |
| Former name of   | r former address, if changed since | last report                           |

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 24, 2006, Arch Coal, Inc. announced that it has acquired an interest in DKRW Advanced Fuels. A copy of the press release announcing the transaction is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibits are attached hereto and filed herewith.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated August 24, 2006

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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.

Arch Coal, Inc.

August 24, 2006 By: Robert G. Jones

Name: Robert G. Jones

Title: Vice President - Law, General Counsel and Secretary

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| Exhibit No. | Description                         |
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| 99.1        | Press release dated August 24, 2006 |