ARCH COAL INC Form SC 13G/A February 10, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. 2) (1) ARCH COAL, INC. (Name of Issuer) COMMON STOCK (Title of Class of Securities) 039380100 (CUSIP Number) DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:	SCHEDULE 13G
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Item		
(a)	NAME OF ISSUER:	
	Arch Coal, Inc.	
(b)	ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:	
	One CityPlace Drive Suite 300 St. Louis, MO 63141	
Item	2.	
(a)	NAME OF PERSON FILING:	
	This Statement is being filed by and on behalf of Appaloosa Investment Limited Partnership I ("AILP"), Palomino Fund Ltd. ("Palomino"), Appaloosa Management L.P. ("AMLP"), Appaloosa Partners Inc. ("API") and David A. Tepper ("Mr. Tepper" and, together with AILP, Palomino, AMLP and API, the "Reporting Persons"). Mr. Tepper is the sole stockholder and the President of API. API is the general partner of, and Mr. Tepper owns a majority of the limited partnership interests in, AMLP. AMLP is the general partner of AILP and acts as investment adviser to Palomino.	
(b)	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:	
	The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Appaloosa Management L.P., 26 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928.	
(c)	CITIZENSHIP:	
	AILP is a Delaware limited partnership. Palomino is a British Virgin Islands corporation. AMLP is a Delaware limited partnership. API is a Delaware corporation. Mr. Tepper is a citizen of the United States.	
(d)	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:	
	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share.	
(e)	CUSIP NUMBER: 039380100	
Item	3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO ss.ss.240.13d-1(b) OR 240.13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:	
	(a) [] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).	

(b) [] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C.

78c).

(c) [] Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) [] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). (e) [] An investment advisor in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); (g) [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); (h) [] A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813); (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3); (j) [] Group, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J). Not applicable. Item 4 OWNERSHIP: The percentages set forth in this Item 4 are based on there being 64,548,850 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 31, 2005 as disclosed in Arch Coal, Inc.'s Form 10-K/A filed on January 9, 2006 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. AILP AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: 1,138,546 PERCENT OF CLASS: 1.8% (b) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH THE PERSON HAS: (c) (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,138,546 (ii) (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: -0shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,138,546 Palomino (a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: -0-(b) PERCENT OF CLASS: -0-

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David A. Tepper

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Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: |X|

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not applicable.

Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON:

Not applicable.

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not applicable.

Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not applicable.

Item 10. CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 10, 2006

APPALOOSA INVESTMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P.,
Its General Partner

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC.,
Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper

Name: David A. Tepper Title: President

PALOMINO FUND LTD.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P.,
Its Investment Adviser

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC.,
Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper

Name: David A. Tepper

Title: President

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By: /s/ David A. Tepper

Name: David A. Tepper

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/s/ David A. Tepper

David A. Tepper

EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that the foregoing Statement on Schedule 13G (including any and all amendments thereto) is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) under the Act and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings.

Dated: February 10, 2006

APPALOOSA INVESTMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P.,
Its General Partner

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC.,
Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper

Name: David A. Tepper

Title: President

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