

ARCH COAL INC  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2006

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**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): May 5, 2006 (May 5, 2006)**

**Arch Coal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-13105 (Commission File Number)	43-0921172 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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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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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

At the annual meeting of stockholders of Arch Coal, Inc. (the Company ) held on April 27, 2006, the Company s stockholders approved an amendment to Article Fourth of the Company s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of common stock the Company is authorized to issue from 100,000,000 to 260,000,000. The Company filed the amendment with the Secretary of State of Delaware on May 3, 2006, and the amendment became effective on May 5, 2006.

A copy of the Company s Restated Certificate of Incorporation is filed as Exhibit 3.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is attached hereto and filed herewith.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Arch Coal, Inc.

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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: May 5, 2006

Arch Coal, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert G. Jones

Robert G. Jones  
Vice President    Law, General Counsel and  
Secretary

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