

James River Coal CO  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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) December 9, 2011

JAMES RIVER COAL COMPANY

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	000-51129 (Commission File Number)	54-1602012 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
901 E. Byrd Street, Suite 1600, Richmond, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	23219 (Zip Code)	

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 780-3000

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act") was enacted. Section 1503 of the Act contains new reporting requirements regarding mine safety, including disclosing on a Current Report on Form 8-K the receipt of an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the "Mine Act") issued by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA").

On December 9, 2011, Bell County Coal Corporation ("Bell County Coal"), a subsidiary of James River Coal Company, received an imminent danger order under section 107(a) of the Mine Act alleging that an individual miner was observed in an area where roof bolts were not yet installed and that the miner was not under the protective canopy at the operators control station. No injuries occurred, and the miner was removed from the area. Bell County Coal conducted additional training and the imminent danger order was terminated on December 12, 2011.



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.

JAMES RIVER COAL COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Samuel M. Hopkins  
II  
Samuel M. Hopkins II  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: December 13, 2011