

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2006

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**CONSOL Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-14901**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0337383**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Consol Plaza**  
**1800 Washington Road**

**15241**

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**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(412) 831-4000**

**Not applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

CONSOL Energy Inc. issued a press release on January 26, 2006 announcing its 2005 fourth quarter results. A copy of the press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(c) Exhibit.*

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated January 26, 2006.

**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.

**CONSOL ENERGY INC.**

By: */s/ P. Jerome Richey*  
**P. Jerome Richey**  
**Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

Dated: January 26, 2006

**Exhibit Index**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Exhibit 99.1	Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated January 26, 2006.