CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP Form 8-K May 04, 2012

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): May 3, 2012 (May 3, 2012)

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Oklahoma (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13726 (Commission File No.) 73-1395733 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Address of principal executive offices)

73118 (Zip Code)

(405) 848-8000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 3, 2012, Chesapeake Energy Corporation issued a press release confirming that the company and its Chairman and CEO, Aubrey K. McClendon, have been notified by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that its Fort Worth Regional Office has commenced an informal inquiry and requested that the company and Mr. McClendon retain certain documents. The SEC noted in its request, which was received yesterday, that its inquiry should not be construed as an indication that any violation of the federal securities laws has occurred. The company and Mr. McClendon intend to cooperate with the SEC in responding to its inquiry. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. See "Exhibit Index" attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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SIGNATURE

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.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ JENNIFER M. GRIGSBY Jennifer M. Grigsby Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary

Date: May 3, 2012

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Document Description
99.1	Chesapeake Energy Corporation press release dated May 3, 2012