

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):  
April 1, 2002

THE PITTSTON COMPANY  
(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-9148 (Commission File Number)	54-1317776 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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1801 Bayberry Court P. O. Box 18100 Richmond, VA (Address of principal executive offices)	23226-8100 (Zip Code)
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(804)289-9600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

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The Registrant announced today temporary coal production cutbacks in response to adverse market conditions. The Registrant's press release dated April 1, 2002 is attached as an exhibit to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

EXHIBITS

99(a) Registrant's press release dated April 1, 2002.

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.

THE PITTSTON COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Robert T. Ritter

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Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

Dated: April 1, 2002



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PRESS RELEASE

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE PITTSTON COMPANY ANNOUNCES  
TEMPORARY COAL PRODUCTION CUTBACKS  
IN RESPONSE TO ADVERSE MARKET CONDITIONS

Richmond, VA - April 1, 2002 - The Pittston Company announced today that its coal unit has taken steps to lower production and cut costs in order to reduce the negative impact of adverse coal market conditions.

Current demand for coal has been reduced due in large part to unusually warm winter weather conditions resulting in unexpectedly low electricity generation. Consequently, the mining operations of Clinchfield Coal Company, Sea "B" Mining Company, Paramount Coal Company and Motivation Coal Company, all in Virginia, have been idled for eight days starting April 1, 2002. In addition, some employees at Motivation Coal Company were temporarily laid off as of April 1. Other employees of Vandalia Coal Company in West Virginia were also laid off as of April 1.

The Pittston Company continues to actively pursue the sale of these and other coal operations.

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The Pittston Company is a diversified company with interests in security services through Brink's, Incorporated and Brink's Home Security, Inc., global freight transportation and supply chain management services through BAX Global Inc. and mining and minerals exploration through Pittston Coal Company and Pittston Mineral Ventures. Press releases are available on the World Wide Web at [www.pittston.com](http://www.pittston.com), or by calling toll free (877) 275-7488.