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**JANET L. HORGAN**  
Assistant General Counsel

August 8, 2002

Via Overnight Courier  
Mr. Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed are the sworn statements of Steven F. Leer and Robert J. Messey, the  
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Arch Coal, Inc.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have with  
the enclosed.

Very truly yours,



Janet L. Horgan

Enclosures

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer  
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Robert J. Messey, state and attest that:

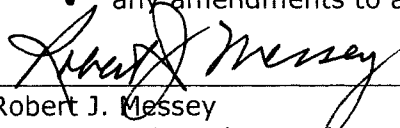
(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Arch Coal, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

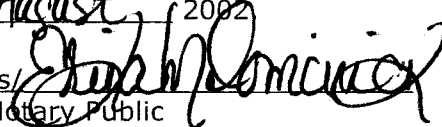
- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- the report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Arch Coal, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Arch Coal, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
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 Robert J. Messey  
 Senior Vice President and  
 Chief Financial Officer  
 August 7, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
 before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
August, 2002  
 /s/   
 Notary Public

**Erika M. Dominick**  
**Notary Public - Notary Seal**  
**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
**St. Louis County**  
**My Commission Expires: Sept. 30, 2003**

My Commission Expires:  
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