

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
Form 8-K
June 21, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): June 15, 2012

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-26823
Commission
File No.:

73-1564280
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 295-7600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

ITEM 1.04 Mine Safety Reporting of Shutdowns and Patterns of Violations

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Act) was enacted. Section 1503 of the Act included new reporting requirements related to 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 Friday, June 15, 2012, at approximately 10:00 A.M., Sebree Mining, LLC (Sebree) an operating subsidiary of the Partnership, received an imminent danger order under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act at the Onton #9 Mine. Following an MSHA-approved plan, Sebree was working toward the permanent sealing off of a worked out area of the mine that was experiencing adverse conditions caused by a roof convergence, commonly referred to as a squeeze. The area was being closely monitored by Sebree and MSHA personnel and, as adverse conditions worsened, MSHA issued an imminent danger order for the area inby the location where the seals were to be built. No one was injured as a result of the condition and MSHA issued no violations of the health and safety standards applicable to underground coal mines. On Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at approximately 10:10 A.M., MSHA lifted the order as the sealing process was being completed. Sebree is reviewing the order to determine whether it will seek judicial review of the order's issuance.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.

By: Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC,

its managing general partner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Craft III

Joseph W. Craft III

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 21, 2012