

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
Form 8-K
October 10, 2014

**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): **October 7, 2014**

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Commission
File No.: **0-26823**

73-1564280
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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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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 Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at approximately 12:47 p.m., Central Time, Hopkins County Coal, LLC (HCC), an operating subsidiary of the Partnership, received an imminent danger order under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act at the Elk Creek Mine. The Order was issued when a representative of MSHA alleged the existence of excessive methane within a discrete area located near a set of 120 psi seals. The seals are used to separate older, previously mined areas from areas actively being mined for coal. No miners were injured as a result of any of the conditions alleged in the Order. HCC adjusted ventilation controls within the area and the Order was terminated. HCC is reviewing MSHA 's Order and may seek judicial review of its 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: October 10, 2014