

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
December 28, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 27, 2004

Commission File No.: 0-26823

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**ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**73-1564280**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 600, 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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On December 27, 2004, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ), announced by press release that its wholly-owned subsidiary, MC Mining, LLC, has temporarily idled the Excel No. 3 mine located near Pikeville in Pike County, Kentucky following the occurrence of a mine fire during the annual Christmas holiday break. A copy of the Partnership 's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(c) Exhibits**

99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of December 27, 2004.

**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

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Joseph W. Craft III  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: December 28, 2004