

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2011

**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): January 24, 2011**

**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.)**

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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)**

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))

**ITEM 8.01 Other Events**

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 January 24, 2011, at approximately 8:35 A.M., Webster County Coal, LLC, an operating subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P., was issued an imminent danger order under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act at the Dotiki Mine (Dotiki). The order was issued when an MSHA Coal Mine Inspector (CMI) alleged that an excessive amount of dust had accumulated along a mine entry in an area of the mine where Dotiki was in the process of constructing seals, which are used to close off inactive, previously mined areas. Dotiki immediately applied water to the area affected, resulting in MSHA's termination of the order. Dotiki contends that the conditions in the area did not meet the criteria established for the issuance of an imminent danger order and the order is without merit, and Dotiki intends to seek judicial review of the issuance of the order.

**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: January 27, 2011