

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
November 10, 2015

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

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**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): **November 5, 2015**

**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**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 Thursday, November 5, 2015, at approximately 3:32 p.m., Central Time, Sebree Mining, LLC (Sebree), an operating subsidiary of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P., received an imminent danger order under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act at the Onton #9 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. Sebree adjusted ventilation controls within the area and the Order was terminated. Sebree 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, hereunto 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: November 10, 2015