

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2009

**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): February 24, 2009 (February 20, 2009)**

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

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

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(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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

(c) On February 24, 2009, we announced that the Board of Directors of our managing general partner has named Charles R. Wesley as Executive Vice President and Thomas M. Wynne as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of our managing general partner, effective March 1, 2009.

Mr. Wesley, who is 54 years old, became a Director of our managing general partner in January 2009 and has held various positions since joining the company in 1974, including most recently the position of Senior Vice President Operations since August 1996. Mr. Wesley has served the industry as past President of the West Kentucky Mining Institute and National Mine Rescue Association Post 11, and he has served on the Board of the Kentucky Mining Institute. Mr. Wesley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Wynne, who is 52 years old, joined the company in 1981 as a mining engineer and has held a variety of positions with the company prior to his appointment in July 1998 as Vice President Operations. Mr. Wynne has served the coal industry on the National Executive Committee for National Mine Rescue and is currently a member of the Coal Safety Committee for the National Mining Association. Mr. Wynne holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Business Administration degree from West Virginia University.

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On February 24, 2009, we issued a press release announcing the promotion of certain officers of the managing general partner. A copy of the press release is furnished and attached as Exhibit 99.1

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the press release shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as February 24, 2009.

**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: February 24, 2009