

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

**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): **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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  - 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 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