

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
September 22, 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): September 22, 2011**

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

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

**0-26823**  
**Commission**  
  
**File No.:**

**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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On September 22, 2011, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a transaction with White Oak Resources, LLC and related entities to support the development of a longwall mining operation currently under construction near McLeansboro, in Hamilton County, Illinois and its intention to engage in an investor conference call to discuss the development project. A copy of the press release announcing the development project is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and the slide presentation to be presented in connection with such conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

The information being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K and in Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise be subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, 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.

99.2 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. presentation.

**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: September 22, 2011