

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2005

**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): December 16, 2005

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

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b>   |   | <b>73-1564280</b>                    |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | <b>Commission</b><br><b>File No.: 0-26823</b> | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

**1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 600, 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)**

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 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 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On December 20, 2005, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) announced by press release the following: (1) its subsidiary, Alliance Coal, LLC, has entered into a new coal sales agreement, (2) estimated 2006 capital expenditures and (3) the Partnership confirmed its 2005 guidance ranges. A copy of the Partnership s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of December 20, 2005.

**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: December 21, 2005