

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
January 03, 2006

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**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 28, 2005**

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**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 600, 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 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On December 29, 2005, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) announced by press release that its subsidiary, Penn Ridge Coal, LLC ( Penn Ridge ), has entered into a coal lease and coal sales agreements with affiliates of Allegheny Energy, Inc. ( Allegheny ) (NYSE: AYE) to pursue development of Allegheny s Buffalo Coal Reserve in Washington County, Pennsylvania. 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 29, 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

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Joseph W. Craft III  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: January 3, 2006