CRAFT JOSEPH W III
Form 4
May 17, 2011

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRAFT JOSEPH W III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 400

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [ARLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/13/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director __X__ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and Chief Executive

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Unit | | | | | | | | 357,451 | D | |
| Common Unit | | | | | | | | 1,000 | I | By son |
| Common Unit | | | | | | | | 15,544,169 | I | By Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. (4) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**
**(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom unit | (2) | 05/13/2011 | | A | | 722 | | (1) | (3) | Common unit | 722 | (3) |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CRAFT JOSEPH W III<br>1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE<br>SUITE 400<br>TULSA, OK 74119 | X | X | President and Chief Executive | |

# Signatures

Joseph W. Craft by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated February 13, 2007 — 05/17/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person — Date

# Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

****** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**(1)** The Phantom units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's death or termination.

**(2)** 1 for 1

**(3)** Not applicable

**(4)** The reporting person indirectly holds 15,544,169 Common Units of ARLP though Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. ("AHGP"). Craft is a director, and through his ownership of C-Holdings, LLC, the sole owner of Alliance GP, LLC, the general partner of AHGP., and holds, directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding AHGP Common Units. AHGP owns 42.3% of the Common Units of ARLP. Craft

disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Units of ARLP held by AHGP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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