CRAFT JOSEPH W III

Form 4

August 16, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

15,544,169

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

Unit

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

CRAFT JOS	EPH W III	Symbol ALLIA	Symbol ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [ARLP]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1717 S. BOU AVENUE, S		of Earliest Tr Day/Year) 2010	ansaction		_X DirectorX 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and Chief Executive					
TULSA, OK	(Street)		endment, Da onth/Day/Year	ŭ		6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	_	erson		
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	` '	(A) or of (D)	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)		
Common Unit						357,451	D			
Common Unit						1,000	I	By son		

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

By

Alliance

Holdings GP, L.P. (4)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number 6. Date I		Date Exercisable and 7		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		Derivativ
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative (Month/Day/Year)		/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities					(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Acquired					
	Security				(A) or					
	•				Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number	
									of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	
Phantom								Common		
unit	<u>(2)</u>	08/13/2010		A	914	(1)	(3)	unit	914	<u>(3)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CRAFT JOSEPH W III

1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 400

TULSA, OK 74119

Relationships

Other

Signatures

Joseph W. Craft by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated February 13, 2007

08/16/2010

**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

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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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