

CRAFT JOSEPH W III  
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**FORM 4**

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**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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/31/2018

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

TULSA, OK 74119

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)	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	05/31/2018		D		87,188,338 (6)	D	(4) 0	I By Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. (6) (7)
Common Unit	05/31/2018		A		1,343,348	A	(4) 1,350,529	I By Alliance Resource GP, LLC (6)
	05/31/2018		A			A	(4)	D



## 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) 1 for 1
- (2) The Phantom units are to be settled in ARLP common units upon the reporting person's death or termination.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) The common units were acquired as consideration for the AHGP common units held by the reporting person immediately prior to the effectiveness of the transactions contemplated by the Simplification Agreement dated February 22, 2018 (the "Simplification Agreement"). Pursuant to the Simplification Agreement, all AHGP common units were canceled and converted into the right to receive all of the ARLP common units held by AHGP and its subsidiaries on May 31, 2018. Based on a formula calculated pursuant to the Simplification Agreement, the exchange ratio was 1.478181161 ARLP common units for each AHGP common unit.
- (5) Held through the JWC III Rev Trust, of which Mr. Craft is trustee.
- (6) Mr. Craft indirectly wholly owns Alliance GP, LLC, the former general partner of Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. ("AHGP"), which wholly owns MGP II, LLC ("MGP II"), the former owner of 56,100,000 common units of ARLP, and AHGP directly owned 31,088,338 common units of ARLP all of which were distributed as disclosed in footnote 4 above. Mr. Craft and Kathleen S. Craft jointly own Alliance Resource GP, LLC ("SGP"). Mr. Craft disclaimed beneficial ownership of the common units of ARLP formerly held by AHGP and MGP II except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and Mr. Craft disclaims beneficial ownership of the common units of ARLP held by SGP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (7) Pursuant to the Simplification Agreement, MGP II distributed (a) 99.999% of the 56,100,000 ARLP common units to AHGP and (b) 0.001% of the 56,100,000 ARLP Common Units to ARM GP Holdings, Inc. ("ARMH"), which ARMH then distributed to AHGP. Thereafter, the AHGP Common Units were canceled and converted into the right to receive all of the ARLP Common Units held by AHGP and its subsidiaries.

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