

BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 17, 2016**

**Buckeye Partners, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-9356**

(Commission File  
Number)

**23-2432497**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Greenway Plaza**  
**Suite 600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77046**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(832) 615-8600**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o 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.**

Buckeye Partners, L.P. ( Buckeye ) deeply regrets to report the death of Donald W. Niemiec, a director of Buckeye s general partner, Buckeye GP LLC ( Buckeye GP ). Mr. Niemiec, who passed away unexpectedly on May 17, 2016, served as a director of the Board of Directors of Buckeye GP since 2014 and was also a member of the Board s Audit and Health, Safety, Security and Environmental Committees. Mr. Niemiec will be greatly missed by Buckeye.

**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.**

By: Buckeye GP LLC,  
its General Partner

By: TODD J. RUSSO  
Todd J. Russo  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Dated: May 18, 2016