

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ALLEN H C JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.  
 [DMLP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3838 OAK LAWN, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/15/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

DALLAS, TX 75219

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Units	05/15/2012		P	500 A \$ 23	152,040	D	(1)
Common Units	05/16/2012		P	500 A \$ 22.95	152,540	D	(1)
Common Units					26,830.022	D	(2)
Common Units					5,531	I	(3)
Common Units					53,224	I	(4)

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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)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALLEN H C JR 3838 OAK LAWN SUITE 300 DALLAS, TX 75219	X		Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

H.C. Allen, Jr.                      05/17/2012  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) These common units are held jointly by Mr. Allen and his spouse in a family trust.
- (2) These common units are held by Mr. Allen in his individual name, IRA or Keogh Plan.
- (3) Mr. Allen disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by SAM Partners Management, Inc. in which he does not have a pecuniary interest. Mr. Allen is the Secretary and a shareholder of SAM Partners Management, Inc.
- (4) Mr. Allen disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. in which he does not have a pecuniary interest. Mr. Allen is the Secretary and a shareholder of Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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