

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: December 15, 2004

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-31219
(Commission
file number)

23-3096839
(IRS employer
identification number)

Ten Penn Center, 1801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
(Address of principal executive offices)

19103-1699
(Zip Code)

(215) 977-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 14, 2004, Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") announced the appointment of Christopher W. Keene as Vice President of Business Development. The Partnership's press release announcing the appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. Press Release dated December 14, 2004.

Forward-Looking Statement

Statements contained in this report, or the exhibits thereto, that state the Partnership's or management's expectations or predictions of the future are forward-looking statements. The Partnership's actual results could differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect such results include those mentioned in the documents that the Partnership has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS LP.

By: Sunoco Partners LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ SEAN P. McGRATH

Sean P. McGrath
Comptroller

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Exhibit Number	Exhibit
99.1	Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. Press Release dated December 14, 2004

**SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P. ANNOUNCES
NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

PHILADELPHIA, December 14, 2004 — Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL) announced today the appointment of Christopher W. Keene as Vice President of Business Development. Chris, most recently the Director of Midstream Development with Unocal Corporation, will be joining the Sunoco Logistics Executive Team in early January 2005. Prior to his seven year career at Unocal, he held various positions at El Paso Energy.

“Chris brings with him a wealth of experience in the industry. His experience in pipeline development and gas marketing development will make him a great addition to our team” said Deborah M. Fretz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sunoco Logistics.

James L. Fidler, current Vice President of Business Development will assist Mr. Keene with his transition and handle special projects for the Partnership.

Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL), headquartered in Philadelphia, was formed to acquire, own and operate substantially all of Sunoco, Inc.’s refined product and crude oil pipelines and terminal facilities. The Eastern Pipeline System consists of approximately 1,900 miles of primarily refined product pipelines and interests in four refined products pipelines, consisting of a 9.4 percent interest in Explorer Pipeline Company, a 31.5 percent interest in Wolverine Pipe Line Company, a 12.3 percent interest in West Shore Pipe Line Company and a 14.0 percent interest in the Yellowstone Pipe Line Company. The Terminal Facilities consist of 8.9 million barrels of refined product terminal capacity and 16.0 million barrels of crude oil terminal capacity (including 12.5 million barrels of capacity at the Texas Gulf Coast Nederland Terminal). The Western Pipeline System consists of approximately 2,700 miles of crude oil pipelines, located principally in Oklahoma and Texas and a 43.8 percent interest in the West Texas Gulf Pipe Line Company. For additional information visit Sunoco Logistics’ web site at www.sunocologistics.com.

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