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NEWS RELEASE

Natural Resource Partners L.P. Declares Quarterly Distribution

HOUSTON, July 21, 2010 – **Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NYSE:NRP)** announced today that the Board of Directors of its general partner has declared a second quarter 2010 distribution of \$0.54 per unit for NRP. The distribution will be paid on August 13, 2010 to unitholders of record on August 5, 2010.

Company Profile

Natural Resource Partners L.P. is headquartered in Houston, TX, with its operations headquarters in Huntington, WV. NRP is a master limited partnership that is principally engaged in the business of owning and managing mineral reserve properties. NRP primarily owns coal, aggregate and oil and gas reserves across the United States that generate royalty income for the partnership.

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