

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 27, 2009

# 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 (Date of earliest event reported) May 21, 2009

# VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-11277  
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey

07470

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit  
Number**

10.1	Valley National Bancorp Incentive Stock Option Agreement
10.2	Valley National Bancorp Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement
10.3	Valley National Bancorp Restricted Stock Award Agreement
10.4	Valley National Bancorp Escrow Agreement for Restricted Stock Award

**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.

Dated: May 27, 2009

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow  
Alan D. Eskow

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)