

DREYFUS HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND  
Form N-Q  
February 18, 2005  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-8703

Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

c/o The Dreyfus Corporation  
200 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10166  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 922-6000

Date of fiscal year end: 03/31  
Date of reporting period: 12/31/04

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

**Statement of Investments**

December 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

	<b>Principal Amount</b>		<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Bonds and Notes - 127.1%</b>			
<b>Advertising - .4%</b>			
RH Donnelley Financial, Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2010	660,000	a,b	739,200
Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.875%, 2012	551,000	a,b	657,067
			<b>1,396,267</b>

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**Aerospace & Defense - .9%**

Argo-Tech, Sr. Notes, 9.25%, 2011	1,182,000	b	1,303,155
BE Aerospace, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 8.875%, 2011	1,427,000	b	1,498,350
DRS Technologies, Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.875%, 2013	438,000	a	459,900
			<b>3,261,405</b>

**Agricultural - .2%**

Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.25%, 2013	685,000		<b>774,050</b>
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**Airlines - 2.0%**

AMR, Debs., 9.75%, 2021	2,400,000	b	1,752,000
Delta Airlines, Pass-Through Ctfs., Ser. 2001-1, Cl. B, 7.711%, 2013	1,317,000		1,013,250
Northwest Airlines, Pass-Through Ctfs., Ser. 1996-1, 7.67%	1,647,442	b	1,433,118
Sr. Notes, 10%, 2009	2,403,000	b	2,036,543
United AirLines, Enhanced Pass-Through Ctfs., Ser. 1997	720,274	c	614,650
			<b>6,849,561</b>

**Asset-Backed - Other - .3%**

Aircraft Finance Trust, Asset-Backed Notes, Ser. 1999-1A, Cl. D, 11%, 2024	6,395,441	a,b	<b>1,141,781</b>
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**Auto Manufacturing - .4%**

Navistar International, Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2011	1,292,000	b	<b>1,392,130</b>
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**Automotive, Trucks & Parts - 2.2%**

Airxcel, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 11%, 2007	2,959,000	b	2,944,205
Collins & Aikman Products: Sr. Notes, 10.75%, 2011	2,216,000	b	2,271,400
Sr. Sub. Notes, 12.875%, 2012	1,765,000	a	1,533,343
HLI Operating, Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2010	278,000	b	299,545
United Components, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2013	675,000	b	735,750
			<b>7,784,243</b>

**Building & Construction - 2.3%**

Asia Aluminum, Secured Notes, 8%, 2011	355,000	a	360,325
Atrium Cos.,			

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Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 10.5%, 2009	986,000	b	1,042,695
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Goodman Global, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.875%, 2012	438,000	a	435,810
Owens Corning, Debs., 7.5%, 2018	2,826,000	d	2,324,385
THL Buildco, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.5%, 2014	1,319,000	a	1,384,950
WCI Communities, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.625%, 2011	2,370,000	b	2,642,550
			<b>8,190,715</b>
<b>Chemicals - 9.9%</b>			
Aqua Chemical, Sr. Sub. Notes, 11.25%, 2008	2,000,000	b	1,610,000
Crompton, Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2012	3,068,000	a	3,528,200
HMP Equity, Sr. Discount Notes, 0%, 2008	1,941,000		1,293,191
Huntsman, Sr. Secured Notes, 11.625%, 2010	1,399,000	b	1,661,313
Huntsman ICI Chemicals: Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2009	438,000		482,895
Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.125%, 2009	5,764,000	b	6,095,430
Nalco, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 2013	4,508,000	b	4,970,070
OM Group, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.25%, 2011	4,128,000	b	4,416,960
Resolution Performance Products/Capital, Sr. Secured Notes, 8%, 2009	692,000		747,360
Rhodia: Sr. Notes, 7.625%, 2010	3,183,000	b	3,206,873
Sr. Notes, 10.25%, 2010	4,454,000	b	5,033,020
Rockwood Specialties, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.625%, 2011	1,380,000	b	1,593,900
			<b>34,639,212</b>
<b>Commercial Services - 1.3%</b>			
Alliance Laundry Systems, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 9.625%, 2008	2,000,000	b	2,060,000
Brickman, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 11.75%, 2009	888,000	b	1,043,400
United Rentals North America, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.75%, 2013	1,571,000		1,547,435
			<b>4,650,835</b>
<b>Consumer Products - 1.6%</b>			
Ames True Temper, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10%, 2012	1,290,000		1,328,700
Amscan, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.75%, 2014	1,669,000	b	1,677,345
Playtex Products, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2011	2,264,000	b	2,428,140

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**Diversified Financial Service - 3.0%**

Air 2 US, Enhanced Equipment Notes, Ser. D, 12. BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg SCA,	9,640,958	a,d,e	1
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Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.625%, 2014 FINOVA, Notes, 7.5%, 2009 K&F Acquisition, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.75%, 2014 Stena AB, Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2013 Trump Casino Holdings/Funding, First Priority Mortgage Notes, 11.625%	3,000,000 2,914,160 560,000 1,170,000 3,503,000	a,b b a  b	3,397,500 1,442,510 581,000 1,231,425 3,809,512 <b>10,461,948</b>
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**Electric Utilities - 11.0%**

Allegheny Energy Statutory Trust 2001: Secured Notes, 10.25%, 2007 Allegheny Energy Supply: Bonds, 8.25%, 2012 Notes, 7.8%, 2011 CMS Energy, Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2007 Calpine: Secured Notes, 8.5%, 2010 Secured Notes, 8.75%, 2013 Secured Notes, 9.875%, 2011 Calpine Generating: Secured Notes, 8.03%, 2010 Secured Notes, 11.16875%, 2011 Mirant, Sr. Notes, 7.4%, 2004 Nevada Power: Mortgage, Bonds Ser. A, 8.25%, 2011 Mortgage Note, 6.50%, 2012 Notes, Ser. E, 10.875%, 2009 Reliant Energy: Sr. Secured, Notes, 9.25%, 2010 Sr. Secured Notes, 9.5%, 2013 Sierra Pacific Resources, Sr. Notes, 8.625%, 2014	2,965,999 6,929,000 840,000 2,442,000 7,021,000 2,963,000 903,000 961,000 216,000 1,558,000 1,091,000 478,000 977,000 4,913,000 1,480,000 1,932,000	a,b a,b  b a,b a,b a,b b,c b,c a,d  b b b	3,377,389 7,777,802 919,800 2,741,145 6,055,613 2,459,290 794,640 944,183 212,220 1,152,920 1,258,741 507,875 1,133,320 5,502,560 1,689,050 2,192,820 <b>38,719,368</b>
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**Electrical & Electronics - 1.8%**

Dresser, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2011 Fisher Scientific International,	1,950,000	b	2,145,000
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Sr. Sub. Notes, 8%, 2013 Imax,	2,322,000	b	2,647,080
Sr. Notes, 9.625%, 2010 Rayovac,	919,000	b	1,006,305
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.5%, 2013	465,000		518,475
			<b>6,316,860</b>
<b>Entertainment - 1.8%</b>			
Argosy Gaming,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9%, 2011	1,501,000	b	1,681,120
Bally Total Fitness,			
Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2011	2,579,000	b	2,611,237
Intrawest,			
Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2013	133,000		142,144
Six Flags,			
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Sr. Notes, 9.625%, 2014	1,920,000	b	1,939,200
			<b>6,373,701</b>
<b>Environmental Control - 5.3%</b>			
Allied Waste North America:			
Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 8.5%, 2008	2,724,000		2,901,060
Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 8.875%, 2008	6,285,000		6,756,375
Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 9.25%, 2012	1,823,000		1,982,513
Sr. Secured, Ser. B, 6.375%, 2011 Geo Sub,	4,186,000	b	4,070,885
Sr. Notes, 11%, 2012	840,000	b	848,400
IMCO Recycling Escrow,			
Sr. Notes, 9%, 2014	223,000	a	233,035
Synagro Technologies,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.5%, 2009	896,000	b	981,120
Waste Services,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.5%, 2014	985,000	a	985,000
			<b>18,758,388</b>
<b>Food &amp; Beverages - 3.5%</b>			
Agrilink Foods,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 11.875%, 2008	225,000	b	235,406
Corn Products International:			
Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2007	863,000		950,027
Sr. Notes, 8.45%, 2009	863,000		1,002,024
Del Monte,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.625%, 2012	1,879,000	b	2,113,875
Dole Food:			
Secured Debs., 8.75%, 2013	665,000	b	746,462
Sr. Notes, 8.625%, 2009	919,000	b	1,004,008
Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2011	1,333,000	b	1,456,303
Land O'Lakes,			
Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 2011	3,822,000	b	3,822,000
National Beef Packing,			

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Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2011	904,000	b	953,720
			<b>12,283,825</b>

**Gaming & Lodging - 6.9%**

Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Sr. Notes, 12%, 2010	2,548,000	b	2,993,900
Isle of Capri Casinos, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9%, 2012	878,000		972,385
Kerzner International, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 2011	1,311,000	b	1,438,823
MGM Mirage, Sr. Notes, 8.5%, 2010	2,858,000	b	3,265,265
Mandalay Resort, Sr. Notes, 6.5%, 2009	1,825,000	b	1,934,500
Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.375%, 2009	1,800,000	b	1,858,500
Park Place Entertainment: Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.875%, 2010	1,140,000	b	1,289,625
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 2008	1,848,000	b	2,097,480
Resorts International Hotel and Casino, First Mortgage, 11.5%, 2009	4,752,000	b	5,607,360
Turning Stone Casino Resort Enterprise, Sr. Notes, 9.125%, 2010	1,290,000	a,b	1,402,875

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Wynn Las Vegas Capital, First Mortgage Notes, 6.625%, 2014	1,331,000	a	1,324,345
			<b>24,185,058</b>

**Health Care - 6.1%**

Beverly Enterprises, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.875%, 2014	860,000	a	926,650
Extendicare Health Services, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.5%, 2010	791,000	b	889,875
Hanger Orthopedic, Sr. Notes, 10.375%, 2009	2,704,000	b	2,805,400
Healthsouth: Sr. Notes, 6.875%, 2005	920,000		930,350
Sr. Notes, 7%, 2008	2,801,000	b	2,857,020
Province Health Care, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.5%, 2013	2,034,000	b	2,288,250
Tenet HealthCare: Notes, 7.375%, 2013	3,883,000	b	3,785,925
Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2014	3,463,000	a	3,791,985
Triad Hospitals, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7%, 2013	2,918,000		2,998,245
			<b>21,273,700</b>

**Machinery - 1.7%**

Case New Holland: Sr. Notes, 6%, 2009	840,000	a, b	823,200
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Sr. Notes, 9.25%, 2011 Terex,	2,245,000	a, b	2,508,788
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 10.375%, 2011	2,250,000	b	2,531,250
			<b>5,863,238</b>

**Manufacturing - 3.2%**

Hexcel,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.75%, 2009	3,321,000	b	3,470,445
JB Poindexter & Co.,			
Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 2014	2,259,000	a,b	2,411,482
Key Components,			
Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2008	2,567,000	b	2,676,098
MAAX,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.75%, 2012	430,000	a	456,875
Polypore:			
Sr. Discount Note, 0/10.50%, 2012	2,003,000	a,f	1,291,935
Sr. Sub. Note, 8.75% 2012	1,044,000	b	1,096,200
			<b>11,403,035</b>

**Media - 15.6%**

Adelphia Communications,			
Sr. Note, Ser. B, 7.75%, 2009	1,550,000	d	1,457,000
CSC Holdings,			
Sr. Notes, 6.75%, 2012	2,855,000	a, b	2,954,925
Charter Communications Holdings/Capital:			
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/11.75%, 2011	5,465,000	b,f	4,044,100
Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 2013	4,546,000	b	4,716,475
Sr. Notes, 10%, 2011	3,193,000	b	2,745,980
Sr. Notes, 10.25%, 2010	3,693,000	b	3,933,045
Sr. Notes, 10.75%, 2009	5,057,000	b	4,627,155
Dex Media East Finance:			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.875%, 2009	178,000		203,588

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Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 12.125%, 2012	2,060,000	b	2,520,925
Dex Media West/Finance,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 9.875%, 2013	4,165,000	b	4,820,988
Granite Broadcasting,			
Sr. Secured Notes, 9.75%, 2010	1,843,000	b	1,769,280
Gray Television,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.25%, 2011	450,000	b	506,250
Kabel Deutschland,			
Sr. Notes, 10.625%, 2014	1,268,000	a	1,464,540
LBI Media,			
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/11%, 2013	1,392,000	b,f	1,030,080
Lodgenet Entertainment,			
Sr. Sub. Deb., 9.5%, 2013	419,000	b	465,090
Nexstar Finance:			
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/11.375%, 2013	2,245,000	b,f	1,784,775
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7%, 2014	2,993,000	b	2,978,035

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Pegasus Communications, Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 12.5%, 2007	2,898,000	d	1,876,455
Salem Communications, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 9%, 2011	2,121,000		2,338,402
Spanish Broadcasting System, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.625%, 2009	5,427,000	b	5,711,917
Young Broadcasting: Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.75%, 2014	2,176,000		2,203,200
Sr. Sub. Notes, 10%, 2011	435,000		466,537
			<b>54,618,742</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Metals - 2.6%</b>			
AK Steel:			
Sr. Notes, 7.75%, 2012	3,191,000	b	3,302,685
Sr. Notes, 7.875%, 2009	915,000	b	936,731
CSN Islands VIII, Sr. Notes, 10%, 2015	1,315,000	a	1,418,556
Consol Energy, Notes, 7.875%, 2012	3,182,000	b	3,579,750
			<b>9,237,722</b>
<b>Oil &amp; Gas - 7.5%</b>			
Coastal:			
Notes, 7.625%, 2008	3,893,000	b	4,087,650
Notes, 7.75%, 2010	3,942,000	b	4,139,100
Sr. Deb., 6.5%, 2008	862,000	b	877,085
El Paso Production, Sr. Notes, 7.75%, 2013	2,321,000	b	2,442,852
Hanover Compressor:			
Sr. Notes, 9%, 2014	1,263,000	b	1,411,403
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.625%, 2010	921,000	b	1,010,798
Hanover Equipment Trust,			
Sr. Secured Notes, Ser. B, 8.75%, 2011	3,912,000	b	4,264,080
McMoRan Exploration:			
Sr. Notes, 5.25%, 2011	891,000	a	1,264,106
Sr. Notes, 6%, 2008	4,497,000	a,b	6,818,576
			<b>26,315,650</b>
<b>Packaging &amp; Containers - 3.2%</b>			
Jefferson Smurfit,			
Sr. Note, 8.25%, 2012	876,000		959,220
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Owens-Brockway:			
Sr. Notes, 6.75%, 2014	445,000	a	451,675
Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2013	450,000	b	497,250
Sr. Secured Notes, 7.75%, 2011	900,000	b	978,750
Sr. Secured Notes, 8.75%, 2012	133,000		150,622
Sr. Secured Notes, 8.875%, 2009	1,000,000	b	1,091,250
Pliant:			
Sr. Secured Discount Notes, 0/11.125%	1,437,000	b,f	1,334,614



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Sr. Secured Notes, 11.125%, 2009	443,000	b	485,085
Sr. Sub. Notes, 13%, 2010	900,000	b	882,000
Stone Container:			
Sr. Notes, 8.375%, 2012	662,000	b	724,890
Sr. Notes, 9.75%, 2011	2,525,000	b	2,777,500
Tekni-Plex, Secured Notes, 8.75%, 2013	845,000	a	845,000
			<b>11,177,856</b>
<b>Paper &amp; Forest Products - 3.8%</b>			
Appleton Papers,			
Sr. Sub Notes, 9.75%, 2014	1,289,000	b	1,430,790
Buckeye Technologies:			
Sr. Notes, 8.5%, 2013	1,150,000	b	1,253,500
Sr. Sub Notes, 9.25%, 2008	1,000,000	b	1,005,000
Georgia-Pacific:			
Sr. Notes, 7.375%, 2008	1,772,000	b	1,935,910
Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2010	3,051,000	b	3,565,856
Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2013	3,454,000	b	4,041,180
			<b>13,232,236</b>
<b>Pipelines - 4.5%</b>			
ANR Pipeline, Notes, 8.875%, 2010	2,230,000	b	2,508,750
Dynegy:			
Secured Notes, 9.875%, 2010	5,415,000	a,b	6,078,338
Secured Notes, 10.125%, 2013	3,550,000	a,b	4,082,500
Southern Natural Gas, Notes, 8.875%, 2010	1,795,000	b	2,019,375
Williams Cos., Notes, 7.125%, 2011	1,000,000	b	1,097,500
			<b>15,786,463</b>
<b>Retail - 1.7%</b>			
JC Penney, Sr. Notes, 8%, 2010	1,472,000	b	1,689,120
Remington Arms, Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2011	335,000	b	324,950
Rite Aid:			
Sr. Secured Notes, 8.125%, 2010	1,035,000	b	1,099,688
Sr. Secured Notes, 12.5%, 2006	899,000		1,015,870
Saks, Notes, 7.5%, 2010	876,000		937,320
VICORP Restaurants, Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2011	966,000		975,660
			<b>6,042,608</b>
<b>Structured Index - 4.3%</b>			
Dow Jones CDX NA, Credit Linded Notes, Ser. 3-1, 7.75% 20	14,806,000	a,g	<b>15,240,926</b>

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**Technology - .5%**

AMI Semiconductor, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.75%, 2013	1,163,000	b	1,372,340
MagnaChip Semiconductor Finance, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8%, 2014	250,000	a	261,875
			<b>1,634,215</b>

**Telecommunications - 14.3%**

American Tower:			
Sr. Notes, 7.125%, 2012	1,329,000	a,b	1,365,548
Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2009	1,935,000		2,055,938
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.25%, 2011	2,250,000	b	2,396,250
American Tower Escrow, Discount Notes, 0%, 2008	450,000	b	338,625
Call-Net Enterprises, Sr. Secured Notes, 10.625%, 2008	1,000,000	b	1,005,000
Crown Castle International:			
Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2013	2,321,000	b	2,506,680
Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2011	2,695,000	b	3,031,875
Sr. Notes, 10.75%, 2011	1,000,000	b	1,090,000
Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 7.5%, 2013	2,133,000	b	2,303,640
Dobson Communications, Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2013	832,000	b	588,640
Fairpoint Communications, Sr. Notes, 11.875%, 2010	449,000	b	527,575
Innova S de RL, Notes, 9.375%, 2013	1,814,000		2,072,495
MJD Communications, Floating Rate Notes, Ser. B, 6.4875%, 2009	4,930,000	b,c	4,880,700
Nextel Partners, Sr. Notes, 12.5%, 2009	1,073,000	b	1,220,537
Pegasus Satellite Communications, Sr. Notes, 12.375%, 2006	677,000	d	438,357
Qwest:			
Bank Note, Ser. A, 6.5%, 2007	2,645,000	c	2,757,412
Bank Note, Ser. B, 6.95%, 2010	500,000	c	511,250
Qwest Services, Sr. Secured Notes, 13%, 2007	4,803,000	a	5,511,442
Roger Wireless, Sr. Secured Notes, 9.625%, 2011	1,000,000	b	1,177,500
SBA Telecommunications, stp Sr. Discount Notes, 0/9.75%, 2011	6,205,000	b,f	5,258,738
Spectrasite, Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2010	1,763,000		1,890,818
UbiquiTel Operating, Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2011	1,330,000	a	1,499,575
US Unwired, Sr. Secured Notes, Ser. B, 10%, 2012	2,172,000		2,459,790
Western Wireless,			

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Sr. Notes, 9.25%, 2013	3,026,000		3,305,904
			<b>50,194,289</b>
<b>Textiles &amp; Apparel - .8%</b>			
Dan River,			
Sr. Notes, 12.75%, 2009	1,831,000	a, d	361,623
Levi Strauss & Co.,			
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Sr. Notes, 12.25%, 2012	2,166,000	b	2,420,505
			<b>2,782,128</b>
<b>Transportation - 2.5%</b>			
CHC Helicopter,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.375%, 2014	1,476,000	b	1,564,560
Gulfmark Offshore,			
Sr. Notes, 7.75%, 2014	1,745,000	a, b	1,858,425
TFM, S.A. de C.V.,			
Sr. Notes, 10.25%, 2007	5,000,000		5,350,000
			<b>8,772,985</b>
<b>Total Bonds and Notes</b>			<b>446,189,325</b>
(Cost \$433,875,295)			
<b>Preferred Stocks - 3.2%</b>			
<b>Commercial Services - .8%</b>			
Kaiser Group Holdings,			
Cum., \$3.85	49,107		<b>2,700,885</b>
<b>Diversified Financial Service - .2%</b>			
Williams Holdings Of Delaware,			
Cum. Conv., \$2.75	6,650	a	<b>558,600</b>
<b>Media - 2.2%</b>			
Paxson Communications,			
Cum., \$1,325	3		24,733
Cum. Conv., \$975	843	a	4,633,856
Spanish Broadcasting System			
Cum. Conv., Ser. B, \$107.5	2,886		3,218,113
			<b>7,876,702</b>
<b>Total Preferred Stocks</b>			<b>11,136,187</b>
(Cost \$ 12,405,838)			
<b>Common Stocks - .2%</b>			
<b>Oil &amp; Gas - 0.0%</b>			
Link Energy (Units)	444,013	h	<b>39,961</b>
<b>Telecommunications - .2%</b>			
AboveNet	17,570	h	562,240
Neon Communications	158,722	e, h	436,485
Stellex Aerostructures	2,793	e, h	0

			<b>998,725</b>
<b>Total Common Stock Investments</b>			
(Cost \$ 6,828,827)			<b>1,038,686</b>
<b>Other-.3%</b>			
<b>Chemicals - 0.0%</b>			
Huntsman (warrants)	436	a, h	<b>205,141</b>
<b>Mining And Metals - 0.0%</b>			
Kaiser Group Holdings (rights)	108,168	e, h	<b>0</b>
<b>Telecommunication Equipment - .3%</b>			
AboveNet (warrants)	16,095	h	158,340
Loral Cyberstar (warrants)	6,980	h	70
Neon Communications (warrants)	158,722	e, h	0
			<b>158,410</b>
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<b>Total Other Investments</b>			
(Cost \$ 330,548)			<b>363,551</b>
<b>Other Investments - 7.4%</b>			
<b>Registered Investment Company;</b>			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred			
Plus Money Market fund	26,074,000 i		<b>26,074,000</b>
(cost \$26,074,000)			
<b>Total Investment (Cost \$479,514,508)</b>	138.1%		<b>484,801,749</b>
<b>Cash and Receivable (net)</b>	-38.1%		<b>(133,778,189)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	100.0%		<b>351,023,560</b>

a Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been deemed to be liquid by the Board of Trustees. At Decmber 31, 2004, these securities amounted to \$108,868,128 or 31.0% of net assets.

b Collateral for Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

c Variable rate security-interest rate subject to periodic change.

d Non-income producing-security in default.

e The value of these securities has been determined in good faith under the direcion of the Board of Trustees

f Zero coupon until a specified date at which time the stated coupon rate becomes effective until maturity.

g Security linked to a portfolio of debt securities.

h Non-income producing security.

i Investment in affiliated money market mutual funds

Securities valuation policies and other investment related disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference to the annual and semi annual reports previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form N-CSR.

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## Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

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(a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-Q is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-Q is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There were no changes to the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recently ended fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

(a) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund

By: /s/ Stephen E. Canter  
Stephen E. Canter  
President

Date: February 18, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Stephen E. Canter  
Stephen E. Canter  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 18, 2005

By: /s/ James Windels  
James Windels  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 18, 2005

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