

DREYFUS HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND  
Form N-Q  
February 27, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

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: 12/31/08

Investment Company Act file number 811-8703

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

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**STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS**

**Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund**  
**December 31, 2008 (Unaudited)**

	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Bonds and Notes--136.3%</b>				
<b>Advertising--2.1%</b>				
Lamar Media, Gtd. Notes, Ser. B	6.63	8/15/15	570,000a	414,675
Lamar Media, Gtd. Notes	6.63	8/15/15	4,580,000a	3,331,950

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R.H. Donnelley, Sr. Unscd. Notes, Ser. A-4	8.88	10/15/17	2,375,000a	368,125 <b>4,114,750</b>
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense--.8%</b>				
L-3 Communications, Gtd. Notes	7.63	6/15/12	1,590,000a	<b>1,558,200</b>
<b>Automobile Manufacturers--.2%</b>				
Ford Motor, Gtd. Notes	4.17	12/16/13	1,000,000	<b>399,720</b>
<b>Automotive, Trucks &amp; Parts--1.2%</b>				
Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Gtd. Notes	8.63	12/1/11	488,000a	407,480
Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Gtd. Notes	9.00	7/1/15	1,486,000a	1,203,660
United Components, Gtd. Notes	9.38	6/15/13	1,925,000a	818,125 <b>2,429,265</b>
<b>Banks--1.4%</b>				
Chevy Chase Bank, Sub. Notes	6.88	12/1/13	3,316,000a	<b>2,673,525</b>
<b>Casinos &amp; Gaming--.8%</b>				
Pinnacle Entertainment, Gtd. Notes	8.75	10/1/13	1,295,000a	1,029,525
Shingle Springs Tribal Group, Sr. Notes	9.38	6/15/15	1,100,000a,b	555,500 <b>1,585,025</b>
<b>Chemicals--1.4%</b>				
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Huntsman International, Gtd. Notes	7.88	11/15/14	795,000a	429,300
Huntsman, Scd. Notes	11.63	10/15/10	909,000a	797,647
Nalco, Gtd. Notes	8.88	11/15/13	1,783,000a	1,515,550 <b>2,742,497</b>
<b>Commercial &amp; Professional Services--1.8%</b>				
Education Management, Gtd. Notes	8.75	6/1/14	1,100,000a	841,500
Education Management, Gtd. Notes	10.25	6/1/16	2,095,000a	1,529,350
lpayment, Gtd. Notes	9.75	5/15/14	2,150,000a	1,085,750 <b>3,456,600</b>
<b>Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Ctfs--.4%</b>				
Global Signal Trust, Ser. 2006-1, Cl. F	7.04	2/15/36	1,210,000a,b	<b>795,442</b>
<b>Diversified Financial Services--15.9%</b>				
Dow Jones CDX, Pass Thrus Certificates, Ser. 4-T1	8.25	6/29/10	7,337,640 a,b,c	7,062,478
Ford Motor Credit,				

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Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.38	10/28/09	7,880,000a	6,921,619
Ford Motor Credit, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.00	12/15/16	950,000a	619,587
Ford Motor Credit, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.63	11/1/10	1,650,000a	1,249,570
Hawker Beechcraft Acquisition, Gtd. Notes	9.75	4/1/17	3,155,000a	867,625
HUB International Holdings, Sr. Sub. Notes	10.25	6/15/15	2,725,000a,b	1,216,031
Leucadia National, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.00	8/15/13	1,155,000a	924,000
Leucadia National, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.13	3/15/17	1,380,000a	1,031,550
LVB Acquisition, Gtd. Notes	11.63	10/15/17	10,674,000a	9,179,640
Smurfit Kappa Funding, Sr. Sub. Notes	7.75	4/1/15	1,606,000a	883,300
Stena, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.50	11/1/13	1,170,000a	779,512
UCI Holdco, Sr. Unscd. Notes	10.00	12/15/13	739,413a,d	129,397
				<b>30,864,309</b>
<b>Diversified Metals &amp; Mining--2.2%</b>				
CSN Islands IX, Gtd. Notes	10.00	1/15/15	1,315,000 a,b,d	1,308,425
Freeport-McMoRan Cooper & Gold, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.25	4/1/15	2,599,000a	2,211,697
Steel Dynamics, Gtd. Notes	7.38	11/1/12	1,010,000a	742,350
				<b>4,262,472</b>
<b>Electric Utilities--21.5%</b>				
AES, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.75	10/15/15	5,355,000a	4,524,975
AES, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.00	10/15/17	425,000a	350,625
Allegheny Energy Supply, Sr. Unscd. Bonds	8.25	4/15/12	5,650,000 a,b,d	5,593,500
Edison Mission Energy, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.00	5/15/17	505,000a	441,875
Edison Mission Energy, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.50	6/15/13	5,320,000a	4,894,400
Energy Future Holdings, Gtd. Notes	10.88	11/1/17	13,495,000a,b	9,648,925
Mirant Americas Generation, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.30	5/1/11	2,975,000a	2,900,625
Mirant North America, Gtd. Notes	7.38	12/31/13	2,735,000a	2,639,275
NRG Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.25	2/1/14	1,175,000a	1,101,563

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NRG Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.38	1/15/17	1,765,000a	1,628,213
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Orion Power Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes	12.00	5/1/10	1,395,000a	1,401,975
Reliant Energy, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.63	6/15/14	2,045,000a	1,707,575
Sierra Pacific Resources, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.63	3/15/14	3,467,000a	3,143,102
Sprint Capital, Gtd. Notes	6.88	11/15/28	2,275,000a	1,356,373
Steel Dynamics, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.75	4/15/16	755,000b	526,613
				<b>41,859,614</b>
<b>Environmental Control--.4%</b>				
WCA Waste, Gtd. Notes	9.25	6/15/14	1,070,000a	<b>797,150</b>
<b>Food &amp; Beverages--2.7%</b>				
Constellation Brands, Gtd. Notes	7.25	9/1/16	365,000a	346,750
Dean Foods, Gtd. Notes	7.00	6/1/16	2,340,000a	2,000,700
Smithfield Foods, Sr. Unscd. Notes, Ser. B	7.75	5/15/13	605,000a	391,738
Stater Brothers Holdings, Gtd. Notes	8.13	6/15/12	2,793,000a	2,541,630
				<b>5,280,818</b>
<b>Health Care--13.4%</b>				
Bausch & Lomb, Sr. Unscd. Notes	9.88	11/1/15	5,875,000a,b	4,420,938
Community Health Systems, Gtd. Notes	8.88	7/15/15	3,980,000a	3,681,500
DaVita, Gtd. Notes	7.25	3/15/15	1,720,000a	1,642,600
Hanger Orthopedic Group, Gtd. Notes	10.25	6/1/14	845,000a	760,500
HCA, Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.30	10/1/12	4,160,000a	2,953,600
HCA, Notes	9.00	12/15/14	4,000,000a	2,583,380
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HCA, Sr. Scd. Notes	9.13	11/15/14	1,695,000a	1,576,350
HCA, Sr. Scd. Notes	9.25	11/15/16	7,320,000a	6,734,400
Tenet Healthcare, Sr. Unscd. Notes	9.88	7/1/14	2,000,000a	1,620,000
				<b>25,973,268</b>

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**Lodging & Entertainment--5.8%**

Boyd Gaming, Sr. Sub. Notes	7.75	12/15/12	1,180,000a	1,067,900
Cinemark, Sr. Discount Notes	9.75	3/15/14	3,300,000a,e	2,685,375
Gaylord Entertainment, Gtd. Notes	8.00	11/15/13	1,100,000a	764,500
Isle of Capri Casinos, Gtd. Notes	7.00	3/1/14	2,790,000a	1,199,700
Mandalay Resort Group, Gtd. Notes	9.38	2/15/10	4,000,000a	2,940,000
Marquee Holdings, Sr. Discount Notes	12.00	8/15/14	923,000a,d	475,345
MGM Mirage, Gtd. Notes	8.38	2/1/11	896,000a	537,600
Pokagon Gaming Authority, Sr. Notes	10.38	6/15/14	1,856,000a,b	1,605,440
Scientific Games, Gtd. Notes	6.25	12/15/12	91,000a	73,710
				<b>11,349,570</b>

**Machinery--3.0%**

Case New Holland, Gtd. Notes	7.13	3/1/14	1,825,000a	1,304,875
Case, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.25	1/15/16	1,005,000a	703,500
Columbus McKinnon, Gtd. Notes	8.88	11/1/13	481,000a	406,445
Douglas Dynamics, Gtd. Notes	7.75	1/15/12	1,285,000a,b	674,625
Terex,				

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Gtd. Notes	7.38	1/15/14	3,170,000a	2,773,750
				<b>5,863,195</b>

**Manufacturing--3.0%**

Bombardier, Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.30	5/1/14	2,200,000a,b	1,820,500
Bombardier, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.00	11/15/14	675,000a,b	597,375
Mueller Water Products, Gtd. Notes	7.38	6/1/17	1,300,000a	890,500
RBS Global & Rexnord, Gtd. Notes	9.50	8/1/14	2,165,000a	1,623,750
RBS Global & Rexnord, Gtd. Notes	11.75	8/1/16	1,440,000a	824,400
				<b>5,756,525</b>

**Media--17.3%**

Cablevision Systems, Sr. Unscd. Notes, Ser. B	8.00	4/15/12	4,837,000a,d	4,329,115
CCH I, Gtd. Notes	11.75	5/15/14	1,970,000d	110,812

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CCH II, Sr. Unscd. Notes	10.25	9/15/10	8,800,000a	4,092,000
CCH II, Gtd. Notes	10.25	10/1/13	1,730,000a	631,450
Clear Channel Communication, Sr. Unscd. Notes	10.75	8/1/16	1,075,000a,b	225,750
CSC Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.63	7/15/18	890,000	698,650
CSC Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes, Ser. B	8.13	7/15/09	4,650,000a	4,638,375
Dex Media West/Finance, Sr. Unscd. Notes, Ser. B	8.50	8/15/10	720,000a	439,200
Dex Media West/Finance, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B	9.88	8/15/13	5,720,000a	1,372,800
DirecTV Holdings Financing, Gtd. Notes	7.63	5/15/16	1,865,000	1,818,375
Echostar DBS, Gtd. Notes	6.63	10/1/14	1,175,000a	984,062
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Echostar DBS, Gtd. Notes	7.13	2/1/16	6,245,000a	5,245,800
General Cable, Gtd. Notes	7.13	4/1/17	1,990,000a	1,323,350
ION Media Networks, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. A	11.00	7/31/13	31,028a	217
ION Media Networks, Sr. Sub. Notes	11.00	7/31/13	33,232a,b	233
Kabel Deutschland, Sr. Scd. Notes	10.63	7/1/14	2,093,000a	1,873,235
LBI Media, Sr. Sub. Notes	8.50	8/1/17	1,930,000a,b	685,150
Mediacom, Sr. Unscd. Notes	9.50	1/15/13	5,865,000a	4,457,400
Nexstar Broadcasting, Gtd. Notes	7.00	1/15/14	180,000a	78,525
Nexstar Finance Holdings, Sr. Discount Notes	11.38	4/1/13	1,434,961a,d	626,002
				<b>33,630,501</b>
<b>Oil &amp; Gas--8.4%</b>				
ANR Pipeline, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.00	6/1/25	110,000a	110,502
Chesapeake Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.00	8/15/14	2,490,000a	2,079,150
Chesapeake Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.25	12/15/18	725,000a	569,125
Chesapeake Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.50	9/15/13	920,000a	795,800
Chesapeake Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.50	6/15/14	385,000a	327,250
Cimarex Energy,				

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Gtd. Notes	7.13	5/1/17	2,375,000a	1,864,375
Dynegy Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.38	5/1/16	3,845,000a	2,749,175
Dynegy Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.75	2/15/12	280,000a	247,800
El Paso,				

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Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.00	6/15/17	1,295,000	1,019,948
El Paso, Sr. Unscd. Notes	12.00	12/12/13	1,935,000	1,905,975
Newfield Exploration, Sr. Sub. Notes	6.63	4/15/16	1,105,000a	884,000
PetroHawk Energy, Gtd. Notes	9.13	7/15/13	2,005,000a	1,634,075
Range Resources, Gtd. Notes	7.25	5/1/18	890,000a	747,600
Range Resources, Gtd. Notes	7.50	10/1/17	800,000a	684,000
SouthWestern Energy, Sr. Notes	7.50	2/1/18	370,000b	325,600
Williams Cos., Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.63	7/15/19	500,000a	391,270
				<b>16,335,645</b>

**Packaging & Containers--4.5%**

Crown Americas, Gtd. Notes	7.75	11/15/15	3,925,000a	3,925,000
Norampac, Gtd. Notes	6.75	6/1/13	3,554,000a	1,617,070
Owens Brockway Glass Container, Gtd. Notes	8.25	5/15/13	450,000a	445,500
Plastipak Holdings, Sr. Notes	8.50	12/15/15	2,590,000a,b	1,748,250
Smurfit-Stone Container, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.00	3/15/17	3,265,000a	636,675
Smurfit-Stone Container, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.38	7/1/12	2,100,000a	357,000
				<b>8,729,495</b>

**Paper & Forest Products--3.8%**

Georgia-Pacific, Gtd. Notes	7.00	1/15/15	3,600,000a,b	3,078,000
NewPage, Gtd. Notes	12.00	5/1/13	4,900,000a	1,421,000
Rock-Tenn, Gtd. Notes	9.25	3/15/16	1,350,000a,b	1,262,250

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Verso Paper Holdings, Gtd. Notes, Ser. B	11.38	8/1/16	5,355,000a	1,633,275
				<b>7,394,525</b>

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**Real Estate Investment Trusts--.6%**

Host Hotels & Resorts, Sr. Scd. Notes, Ser. M	7.00	8/15/12	550,000a	468,875
Host Hotels & Resorts, Sr. Scd. Notes	7.13	11/1/13	900,000a	729,000
				<b>1,197,875</b>

**Retail--1.4%**

Amerigas Partners, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.25	5/20/15	1,600,000a	1,312,000
Neiman Marcus Group, Gtd. Notes	10.38	10/15/15	1,208,000a	525,480
Rite Aid, Sr. Scd. Notes	10.38	7/15/16	1,080,000a	799,200
				<b>2,636,680</b>

**Technology--5.6%**

Amkor Technologies, Sr. Notes	9.25	6/1/16	1,455,000a	851,175
Ceridian, Sr. Unscd. Notes	11.50	11/15/15	10,320,000a,b	5,508,300
First Data, Gtd. Notes	9.88	9/24/15	2,205,000a	1,345,050
Sungard Data Systems, Gtd. Notes	9.13	8/15/13	1,000a	870
Sungard Data Systems, Gtd. Notes	10.25	8/15/15	4,724,000a	3,141,460
				<b>10,846,855</b>

**Telecommunications--14.1%**

Belden, Gtd. Notes	7.00	3/15/17	700,000a	528,500
Centennial Cellular Operating, Gtd. Notes	10.13	6/15/13	3,145,000a	3,192,175
Centennial Communications, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.13	2/1/14	940,000a,d	958,800

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Sr. Unscd. Notes	10.00	1/1/13	3,754,000a	3,904,160
Digicel Group, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.88	1/15/15	2,265,000a,b	1,483,575
Digicel Group, Sr. Unscd. Notes	9.13	1/15/15	2,439,000a,b	1,548,765
Inmarsat Finance II, Gtd. Notes	10.38	11/15/12	275,000d	245,094
Inmarsat Finance, Sr. Scd. Notes	7.63	6/30/12	632,000	553,790
Intelsat Jackson Holdings, Gtd. Notes	11.25	6/15/16	7,255,000	6,638,325
Intelsat, Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.50	11/1/13	6,365,000	3,596,225
Intelsat, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.63	4/15/12	3,395,000a	2,291,625

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Nordic Telephone Holdings, Sr. Scd. Notes	EUR	8.25	5/1/16	1,450,000 <sup>b,f</sup>	1,350,431
Nordic Telephone Holdings, Sr. Scd. Bonds		8.88	5/1/16	415,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	292,575
Nortel Networks, Gtd. Notes		10.75	7/15/16	900,000 <sup>a</sup>	243,000
Wind Acquisition Finance, Sr. Scd. Bonds		10.75	12/1/15	575,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	497,375
					<b>27,324,415</b>

**Textiles & Apparel--2.2%**

Invista, Sr. Unscd. Notes		9.25	5/1/12	4,405,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	3,105,525
Levi Strauss & Co., Sr. Unscd. Notes		9.75	1/15/15	1,580,000 <sup>a</sup>	1,177,100
					<b>4,282,625</b>

**Utilities - Gas--.4%**

Ferrellgas, Sr. Unscd. Notes		6.75	5/1/14	1,170,000	<b>813,150</b>
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**Total Bonds and Notes**

(cost \$354,317,039) **264,953,711**

**Preferred Stocks--.1%**

**Media**

Spanish Broadcasting System, Ser. B, Cum. \$107.5 (cost \$2,256,546)				2,182 <sup>a</sup>	<b>152,763</b>
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**Common Stocks--.0%**

**Cable & Media--.0%**

Time Warner Cable, Cl. A				6 <sup>a,g</sup>	<b>129</b>
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**Electric Utilities--.0%**

Mirant				1,912 <sup>a,g</sup>	<b>36,079</b>
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**Total Common Stocks**

(cost \$79,123) **36,208**

**Other Investment--.9%**

**Registered Investment Company;**

Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Plus Money Market Fund (cost \$1,744,000)				1,744,000 <sup>h</sup>	<b>1,744,000</b>
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**Total Investments** (cost \$358,396,708) **137.3%** **266,886,682**

**Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables** **(37.3%)** **(72,501,803)**

**Net Assets** **100.0%** **194,384,879**

a Collateral for Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

b Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At December 31, 2008, these securities amounted to \$56,937,571 or 29.3% of net assets.

c Security linked to a portfolio of debt securities.

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- d Variable rate security--interest rate subject to periodic change.
- e Zero coupon until a specified date at which time the stated coupon rate becomes effective until maturity.
- f Principal amount stated in U.S. Dollars unless otherwise noted. EUR--Euro
- g Non-income producing security.
- h Investment in affiliated money market mutual fund.

At December 31, 2008, the aggregate cost of investment securities for income tax purposes was \$358,396,708. Net unrealized depreciation on investments was \$91,510,026 of which \$1,430,041 related to appreciated investment securities and \$92,940,067 related to depreciated investment securities.

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.

### At December 31, 2008, the fund held the following foreign currency exchange contracts:

Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	Foreign Currency Amount	Proceeds (\$)	Value (\$)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation) at 12/31/2008(\$)
Sell				
Euro, expiring 1/16/2009	1,570,000	2,022,239	2,180,672	<b>(158,433)</b>

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund's investments relating to Financial Accounting Standard No. 157 (FAS 157), Fair Value Measurements.

These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below. **Level 1** - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

**Level 2** - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.) **Level 3** - significant unobservable inputs (including fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2008 in valuing the fund's investments carried at fair value:

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities (\$)	Other Financial Instruments* (\$)
Level 1 - Quoted Prices	1,780,208	
Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs	265,106,474	<b>(158,433)</b>
Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	0	0
Total	<b>266,886,682</b>	<b>(158,433)</b>

\*Other financial instruments include derivative instruments, such as futures, forward currency exchange contracts and swap contracts, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on the instrument.

### Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

(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

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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/ J. David Officer  
J. David Officer  
President

Date: February 23, 2009

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/ J. David Officer  
J. David Officer  
President

Date: February 23, 2009

By: /s/ James Windels  
James Windels  
Treasurer

Date: February 23, 2009

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