

COX RALPH  
Form 4  
May 11, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COX RALPH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
[AXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

18803 MEISNER DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/04/2012

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
**(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.9	05/04/2012	A		12,000		05/04/2012	05/04/2022	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.13						05/05/2011	05/05/2021	Abraxas Common Stock	10,500	
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.36						05/19/2010	05/19/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.06						05/21/2009	05/21/2019	Abraxas Common Stock	10,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 0.99						03/17/2010	03/17/2019	Abraxas Common Stock	50,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.5						05/21/2008	05/21/2018	Abraxas Common Stock	10,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.32						06/26/2007	06/26/2017	Abraxas Common Stock	10,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.51						05/25/2006	05/25/2016	Abraxas Common Stock	10,000	
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.75						06/01/2005	06/01/2015	Abraxas Common Stock	10,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX RALPH 18803 MEISNER DRIVE	X			

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

## Signatures

RALPH F. COX

05/10/2012

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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