

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WALLACE WILLIAM H**

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)  
**03/08/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP Operations**

**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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					121,448	D	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	03/22/2012		A		2,714	A	121,448

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.74	03/08/2012		A	11,300	03/08/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/08/2022	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	11,300
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72					03/15/2012 03/15/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09					03/16/2011 03/16/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75					10/05/2010 10/05/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	66,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99					03/17/2010 03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6					08/28/2011 08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	18,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59					09/13/2009 09/13/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65					11/22/2006 11/22/2012	Abraxas Petroleum Common	22,000

