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(Print or Type Response	ses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> COX RALPH			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP [AXAS]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
							(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (F 18803 MEISNER		(liddle)	<ul> <li>3. Date of Earliest Transaction</li> <li>(Month/Day/Year)</li> <li>03/16/2010</li> </ul>			X	XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				<ul><li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li><li>Applicable Line)</li><li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li></ul>				
SAN ANTONIO,	TX 78258						Fo Persor		ore than One Rep	orting	
(City) (S	tate) (	(Zip)	Table I - Nor	n-Derivativ	e Securit	ies Ac	quired,	Disposed of,	or Beneficially	Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Dispos any Code (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and		sposed	Beneficially		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial				
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and			
ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION COMMON STOCK	03/16/201	10		A	1,435	. ,	\$ 2.09	371,949	D		

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Under Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Addr	ess	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
COX RALPH 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258	X 8								
Signatures									
RALPH F. COX	03/23/2010								
<u>**</u> 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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