

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PHELPS JAMES C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
500 N LOOP 1604 E
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/22/2005

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

(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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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)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	08/22/2005	08/22/2005	M	60,667	A	\$ 1.25	143,904	D	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock							340,000	I	Wife
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock							88,762	I	JMRR LP

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(3) Unvested options cancelled due to resignation

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