

Imperato Douglas P
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FORM 4

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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 *
Imperato Douglas P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP
[ASPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2050 S. ONEIDA STREET, SUITE 208

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/30/2009

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

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80224

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock - \$.005 Par Value				V	3,000	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)	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
<u>Option (1)</u>	\$ 2.14	09/30/2009		J	8,333	09/30/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 02/27/2013	Common Stock <u>8,333 (1)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Imperato Douglas P 2050 S. ONEIDA STREET SUITE 208 DENVER, CO 80224		X		

Signatures

/s/ Douglas P. Imperato 10/02/2009

**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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(1) On February 27, 2008 Mr. Imperato was granted an option to purchase 25,000 of common stock pursuant to the Aspen Exploration Corporation 2008 Equity Plan. 1/3 of the shares were to vest on each September 30, of 2008, 2009, and 2010 if certain performance criteria are met. On September 30, 2008, 4,530 of the options were deemed earned (based on the 2008 fiscal year performance criteria), and 3,803 were deemed unearned; on September 30, 2009 8,333 of the options were deemed unearned (and thus did not vest); and as of the date of this filing 8,333 remain unvested and will only vest if certain company performance objectives are met during the 2010 fiscal year. The unvested options are not yet subject to the reporting requirements.

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