

ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Imperato Douglas P

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/09/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP [ASPN]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person2050 S. ONEIDA
STREET,Â SUITE 208

(Street)

DENVER,Â COÂ 80224

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

3,000

D

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

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)
Title4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	09/30/2008	02/27/2013	Common stock 21,197	\$ 2.14	D Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Douglas P.
Imperato
12/17/2008
Date
Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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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. On September 30, 2008, 4,530 of the options were deemed earned as a result of the Company meeting specific performance goals for the year ended June 30, 2008, 3,803 were deemed unearned, and 16,667 remain unvested, subject to meeting performance goals as of September 30, 2009 and 2010. This transaction was exempt from Section 16(b) as a result of Rule 16b-3(d).

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