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CORPORATION FINANCE  
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UNITED STATES  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

March 23, 2006

Mr. Chris E. Williford  
Executive Vice President  
Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
505 N. Loop 1604 East, Suite 100  
San Antonio, Texas 78232

**Re: Abraxas Petroleum Corporation**  
**Item 4.02 Form 8-K**  
**Filed March 22, 2006**  
**File No. 0-19118**

Dear Mr. Williford:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with more information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone number listed at the end of this letter.

Form 8-K filed March 22, 2006

1. We note your statement that the "error related to the other comprehensive income account of Grey Wolf related to foreign currency transaction at the time of the disposition in February 2005." Please expand your disclosure to more clearly explain the nature and cause of the error and confirm that you will provide like disclosure in the filings that you have indicated you will amend.

2. Please explain what you mean by your statement under Item 2.02 that “The change in accounting treatment resulted in an increase of \$2.2 million in income from discontinued operations.”
3. Please tell us how and when you plan to file restated quarterly financial statements.
4. Please tell us if your certifying officers have reconsidered the effect on the adequacy of your disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the periods covered by your Forms 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005 in light of the error you have disclosed. Additionally, tell us what effect the error had on your current evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures as of your fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within five business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company’s disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United

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In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Goeken at (202) 551-3721.

Sincerely,

Jill S. Davis  
Branch Chief