

COX ROBERT WAYNE  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
COX ROBERT WAYNE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC  
[VPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)      \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice Pres. - General Counsel

(Last)      (First)      (Middle)  
  
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET,  
SUITE 2300  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/16/2005

TULSA, OK 74119

(City)      (State)      (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				Code    V    Amount    (A) or (D)    Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2005		I	18,692    D    \$ 30.03	0	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	03/17/2005		M	10,300    A    \$ 15.5	92,544	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2005		M	17,100    A    \$ 15.5	109,644	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2005		S	27,400    D    \$ 30.5	82,244	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.5	03/17/2005		M	10,300	03/07/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/06/2007	Common Stock	10,300
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 15.5	03/17/2005		M	17,100	03/07/2000 03/06/2007	Common Stock	17,100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX ROBERT WAYNE 110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300 TULSA, OK 74119			Vice Pres. - General Counsel	

## Signatures

Robert Wayne  
Cox  
Date: 03/18/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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This option became exercisable in increments as follows: 6,450 shares beginning March 7, 2000, and 6,450 shares beginning January 1, 2001.

- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 8,550 shares at an exercise price of \$31.00 per share, but was adjusted to reflect a two-for-one stock split on October 7, 1997.

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