

VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC  
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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 \*  
**MEIMERSTORF MICHAEL F**

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

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/23/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/23/2005		M			27,100	A	\$ 15.5	151,400	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		M			7,900	A	\$ 9.6875	159,300	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S			29,300	D	\$ 31.75	130,000	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S			1,400	D	\$ 31.76	128,600	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005		S			800	D	\$ 31.77	127,800	D	

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Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	700	D	\$ 31.78	127,100	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	900	D	\$ 31.79	126,200	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	500	D	\$ 31.8	125,700	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	600	D	\$ 31.81	125,100	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	300	D	\$ 31.82	124,800	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	300	D	\$ 31.83	124,500	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2005	S	200	D	\$ 31.84	124,300	D	
Common Stock						6,616 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 15.5	03/23/2005		M	27,100	03/07/2000	03/06/2007	Common Stock	27,100
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$ 9.6875	03/23/2005		M	7,900	03/15/1999	03/14/2006	Common Stock	7,900

buy) (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEIMERSTORF MICHAEL F 110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300 TULSA, OK 74119			Vice President	

## Signatures

Michael F.  
Meimerstorff                      03/24/2005

  Signature of Reporting                      Date  
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).
- (1) Information is based on a plan statement dated as of March 16, 2005.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 13,550 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.
- (3) This option was previously reported as covering 4,678 shares at an exercise price of \$19.375 per share, but was adjusted to reflect a two-for-one stock split on October 7, 1997.

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