

OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA
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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 *
BRADLEY WADE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2004

CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/09/2004		M ⁽¹⁾	A	300	\$ 8.1875	306 D
Common Stock	12/09/2004		S	D	300	\$ 17.25	6 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 0					09/23/2005 09/23/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.15					10/12/2003 10/12/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.5625					09/19/2002 09/19/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.25					09/18/2000 09/18/2008	Common Stock	16,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.39					06/10/2005 06/10/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.125					10/05/1997 10/05/2005	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8.1875	12/09/2004		<u>M⁽¹⁾</u>	300	03/14/2002 03/14/2010	Common Stock	300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRADLEY WADE 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213			Vice President	

Signatures

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney	12/10/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) Exercise of employee stock options pursuant to the Oil-Dri Corporation of America 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.

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