

OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Form 4

December 10, 2004

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)

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

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

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

(Street)

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

**CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 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	12/09/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		300	A	\$ 8.1875
Common Stock	12/09/2004		S		300	D	\$ 17.25 6

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. I Der Sec (In
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	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
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## 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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