FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KIESEL EUGENE W					<u>OI</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ ODC ]										all app Direct	licable) tor er (give title		Owner (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2004									Vice President				
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60611 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tabl	e I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	ally (	Owne	d		
Date					Date (Month/Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Secui Bene		cially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(1	A) or D)	Price	•		ction(s) 3 and 4)		` ′
Common Stock 01/2					01/13/2004						1,363	3	D	\$17		0		D	
	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)	ve Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date, y/Year) _		of Derive Securi (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr., and 5		ative rities ired osed	6. Date Expiration (Month/E	on Dati		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount of Security (Instr. and 5)		ount	•		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Maryon Gray by Power of <u>Attorney</u>

01/14/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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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