

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20594

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 5)*

Oil-Dri Corporation of America

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

677864100

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [].
(A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1: and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
86-0206507

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
(a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NONE

NUMBER OF SHARED VOTING POWER

6

NONE

SHARES
BENEFICIA
L Y OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

NONE

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

NONE Beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d-4

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

10

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

12

HC

* SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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Washington, DC 20549

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- Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
Oil-Dri Corporation of America
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
410 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
- Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
- Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:
333 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Item 2(c) Citizenship: N/A
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
677864100
- Item 3 The person(s) filing is(are):
- (g) Parent Holding Company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- Item 4 Ownership
- N/A
- Item 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class:
- Item 6 Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person: N/A
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company
N/A
- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: N/A
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of the Group: N/A
- Item 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 10, 1997

Signature: *Larry P. Clemmensen

Name/Title: Larry P. Clemmensen, President
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

*By

Kenneth R. Gorvetzian
Attorney-in-fact

Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated February 11, 1997 included as an Exhibit to Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by The Capital Group Companies, Inc. on February 12, 1997 with respect to AAR Corporation.