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* <u>LIBERT JEFFREY M</u>					OI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA ODC								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title Other (specify below) Director Director Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
(Last) 410 N. N SUITE 4	/ICHIGAN	rst) (Middle) AVE.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2004									below)		resid	below)	specify
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60611-421		13	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
1. Title of	Security (Ins		le I - Noi	1-Deriv 2. Trans Date		- 2	2A. Dee	emed	3.		4. Securi	ties Acqu	ired (A) or	5. Amou Securitie	nt of			7. Nature of Indirect
			(Month/I	Day/Yea	ar) i	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (I		5)	d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		4 anu	Beneficially Owned Following Reported		(D) o		Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice	Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(1115411 4)
Common	ommon Stock		10/18/200		-			M ⁽¹⁾		3,100) <i>A</i>	-	11.25	3,108		D			
Common Stock			10/18	.8/2004				S		3,100) [1	15.05		8		D		
		٦	Гable II -						uired, D , option						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n of E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	ve es ially ng ed etion(s)	10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	or	ount nber res					
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$6.15								10/12/200	3 1	0/12/2011	Common Stock	¹ 20,	000		20,000)	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$8.625								02/28/200	2 0	2/28/2010	Common Stock	¹ 10,	000		10,000)	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$9.5625								09/19/200	2 0	9/19/2010	Commo Stock	¹ 15,	000		15,000)	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$11.39								06/10/200	5 0	6/10/2013	Commo: Stock	10,	000		10,000)	D	
Stock Options (Right to	\$11.25	10/18/2004			M ⁽¹⁾			3,100	(2)	0	9/18/2008	Commo	3,	100	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	4,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- 2. 25% of the shares will become exercisable on the 2nd anniversary of the grant date and an additional 25% on the 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.

Maryon Gray by Power of **Attorney**

10/19/2004

** 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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