

KIESEL EUGENE W  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KIESEL EUGENE W**

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/18/2004

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

CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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	10/18/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 27,000	27,000	D
Common Stock	10/18/2004		S	D	\$ 27,000	0	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.15					10/12/2003	10/12/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8.625					<u>(2)</u>	02/28/2010	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.25	10/18/2004		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	27,000	<u>(2)</u>	09/18/2008	Common Stock	27,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney

10/19/2004

\*\*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.
- (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.

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