

OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Form 4

December 07, 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 \*  
COLE J STEVEN

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)  
COLE & ASSOCIATES, 633  
SKOKIE BOULEVARD, SUITE  
202

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/03/2004

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

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

(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 (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					6,273	D	
Common Stock					967	I	Owned by Spouse

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. S	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.15							10/12/2002	10/12/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8							12/04/2000	12/04/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.625							06/09/1999	06/09/2008	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.34	12/03/2004		<u>A</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000		12/03/2005	12/03/2014	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
COLE J STEVEN COLE & ASSOCIATES 633 SKOKIE BOULEVARD, SUITE 202 NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	X

## Signatures

Maryon Gray by Power of  
Attorney 12/07/2004

\_\_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) Grant of outside director stock options pursuant to the Oil-Dri Corporation of America Outside Director Stock Plan in a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.

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