#### OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

Common

Stock

07/25/2005

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MILLER JOSEPH C Issuer Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF (Check all applicable) AMERICA [ODC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) OIL-DRI CORPORATION OF 07/25/2005 AMERICA, 410 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60611 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D) Common  $M^{(1)}$ \$ 6.15 5,000 D 07/25/2005 5,000 Α Stock Common  $M^{(1)}$ 20,000 Α \$8 25,000 D 07/25/2005 Stock Common S 07/25/2005 6,800 D 18,200 D Stock

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2,800

1,000

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15,400

14,400

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Common Stock					\$ 17.76			
Common Stock	07/25/2005	S	200	D	\$ 17.8	14,200	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2005	S	100	D	\$ 17.84	14,100	D	
Common Stock						2,000	I	Trustee for benefit of Marilyn A. Miller FIT Trust

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on 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	07/25/2005		M <u>(1)</u>		5,000	10/12/2003	10/12/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8	07/25/2005		M(1)		20,000	12/04/2002	12/04/2010	Common Stock	20,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MILLER JOSEPH C	X					

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OIL-DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA 410 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60611

### **Signatures**

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney

07/26/2005

\*\*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 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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