PRAXAIR INC
Form 4
January 29, 2003

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Wise William A.	**Praxair, Inc. (PX)**	
(Last) (First) (Middle) **El Paso Corporation** **1001 Louisiana Street, 30th Floor**	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year **01/28/03**	**X** Director 10% Owner _ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
(Street) **Houston**, **TX 77002**	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) **X** 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. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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. Conver-sion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Owner-ship Form of Deriv-ative Security: Direct (D) or	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

				& 5)										Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Deferred Stock[(1)]	**1 for 1**	**01/28/03**		**A**		**31.129**		[(2)]	[(2)]	**Common Stock**	**31.129**	**48.186**	**1,942.969**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan and are to be settled in Praxair common stock upon the reporting person's retirement or termination of service.
(2) See Note (1) above.

By: /s/ **Mark S. Lyon** **January 29, 2003**
Attorney-in-fact Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

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