

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and**  
**the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

Oversight hearing entitled  
*“Helium: Supply Shortages Impacting our Economy, National Defense and Manufacturing.”*  
*Friday 20 July 2012 at 9:30am*

For Individuals: (N/A)

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: [Walter L. Nelson](#)
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: [Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.](#)
3. Business Address: [7201 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown PA 18195](#)
4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
5. Business Phone Number: [610-481-4911](#)

Name/Organization: Walter L. Nelson – Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

- Bachelor of civil engineering degree from The University of Minnesota; 1986

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

- None

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

- Employed 22 years by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
- Current position as Director, Helium Sourcing and Supply Chain

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

- None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

- None

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

- As Director of Air Products’ Helium Sourcing and Supply Chain activities, I am responsible for new helium source development, sourcing contracts as well as global logistics and supply chain activities. Air Products is one of the world’s leading industrial gas companies and it maintains the largest helium production and distribution system. The Company’s equipment processes more than half of the helium extracted from the earth globally, and it has pioneered many of the processes critical to getting helium from the ground to customers.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

- None that I’m aware of.

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

- 1995 Contract for the Storage of Helium between U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Air Products
- 1998 Bureau In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract between U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Air Products
- 2001 Helium Reserve Management Agreement among: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Cliffside Refiners, L.P. concerning: Construction and Operation of the Cliffside Crude Helium Enrichment Unit
- 2001 BLM Crude Helium Enrichment Unit Operating Agreement among: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Cliffside Refiners, L.P. concerning: Operation of the Cliffside Crude Helium Enrichment Unit
- 2001 BLM Crude Helium Enrichment Unit Construction and Services Agreement among: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Cliffside Refiners, L.P. concerning: Construction and Service of the Cliffside Crude Helium Enrichment Unit

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

- None that I’m aware of.

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

- None that I’m aware of.

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

- N/A

## Walter L. Nelson

Director, Helium Sourcing and Supply Chain

Walter (Wally) Nelson joined Air Products and Chemical's Inc. in 1990 following active duty service in the U.S. Army. He began as a Regional Project Manager within the Industrial Gas Division in Atlanta, Georgia. He subsequently held various positions in engineering and moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania in 1994 as Operations Engineering Manager. In 1999 he relocated to London England as Business Development Manager for the air separation business. In 2002 Nelson returned to Allentown and joined the Helium Business area where he has held various positions within operations and commercial management. As Director of Air Products' Helium Sourcing and Supply Chain activities, Wally has responsibility for new helium source development, sourcing contracts as well as global logistics and supply chain activities.

Mr. Nelson was born in 1963 in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. He received his bachelor of civil engineering degree from The University of Minnesota in 1986. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1986 to 1990 as an engineering officer in the XVIII Airborne Corps.

