

Corporate Biography



Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.



Walter L. Nelson

General Manager
Global Helium



Walter (Wally) L. Nelson was appointed general manager, Global Helium, in April 2014. He is responsible for the growth and profitability of the company's global helium business. In April 2014, Mr. Nelson was also appointed vice president of Air Products Helium Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the company.

Mr. Nelson joined Air Products in 1990 as a regional project manager in the Industrial Gas Division in Atlanta, Ga. In 1994 he transferred to corporate headquarters in Allentown, where he progressed through a variety of engineering and operations positions. In 1999 Mr. Nelson relocated to London, England as a business development manager for the air separation business. After three years overseas, he returned to Allentown and joined the helium business in a variety of operations and commercial positions. During this time, Mr. Nelson testified on five occasions before the U.S. Congress on behalf of Air Products regarding helium-related issues.

Mr. Nelson was born in 1963 in St. Croix Falls, Wis. He received a bachelor of civil engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 1986. He also served as an engineering officer in the XVIII Airborne Corps of the United States Army from 1986 to 1990.

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