### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

March 16, 2006

# Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-4534

(Commission

File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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23-1274455

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

18195-1501

(Zip Code)

610 481-4911

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### Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

At its meeting on 16 March 2006, the Board of Directors elected Evert Henkes director of the Company, effective 20 July 2006. A committee assignment will be made at a later date. Mr. Henkes' term will expire at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in January 2007.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

March 17, 2006

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

By: Paul E. Huck

Name: Paul E. Huck Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer