

AIRGAS INC
Form 8-K
November 16, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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):

November 15, 2005

AIRGAS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-9344

56-0732648

(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

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

259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100
Radnor, PA 19087-5283

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 687-5253

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 15, 2005, Airgas, Inc. (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program. Under the terms of the plan, the Company is authorized to repurchase up to \$150 million of its common stock over a three year period as market conditions permit. The Company has targeted common stock repurchases totaling \$30 million to \$50 million per year, but will maintain flexibility to respond to changing circumstances. The press release announcing the share repurchase program is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) None
- (d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated November 15, 2005

Signatures

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

AIRGAS, INC.

(Registrant)

BY: /s/ Robert M. McLaughlin
Robert M. McLaughlin
Vice President & Controller

DATED: November 16, 2005