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Biography

Miles P. Drake heads the worldwide R&D activities at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. as Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. He joined Air Products in 1986 as technology manager, electronics for the company's European Applied R&D group. He was named European technology director in 1986 and relocated to the U.S. in 1990 where he was named director, advanced technology for the global applications development group. In 1994 Drake was appointed director of the Corporate Science and Technology Center and in 1998 was named director, Gases and Equipment Group technology. He assumed his current position in February 2001.

Prior to joining Air Products, Drake spent ten years at STL, a corporate laboratory of ITT in the U.K., focusing on materials development for electronic component manufacturing. He earned his B.S. chemistry degree from Cambridge University and Ph.D. degree in surface and colloid chemistry from the University of Bristol. He has authored over 20 patents.

Drake is Past Chairman of the Industrial Research Institute, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and an Advisory Board member of the Materials Research Center at Santa Barbara, California, and the AIChE.