

TETRA TECHNOLOGIES INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ABELL JOSEPH M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**TETRA TECHNOLOGIES INC [TTI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 25025 INTERSTATE 45  
 NORTH, SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/13/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President & CFO

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	09/13/2005		M		10,017	A	\$ 11.1111	40,543 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005		M		11,251	A	\$ 8.68	51,794	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005		S		1,200	D	\$ 29.62	50,594	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005		S		600	D	\$ 29.63	49,994	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005		S		1,200	D	\$ 29.65	48,794	D

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Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 29.66	48,594	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 29.67	46,594	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 29.68	44,994	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	700	D	\$ 29.69	44,294	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	400	D	\$ 29.7	43,894	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 29.71	42,794	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	900	D	\$ 29.75	41,894	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 29.76	40,294	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	600	D	\$ 29.78	39,694	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	600	D	\$ 29.79	39,094	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 29.8	37,794	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	700	D	\$ 29.81	37,094	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 29.82	35,094	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 29.83	33,794	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	300	D	\$ 29.85	33,494	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 29.86	32,394	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 29.87	30,794	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	S	268	D	\$ 29.9	30,526	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	F	4,609	D	\$ 29.855	25,917	D
Common Stock	09/13/2005	M	2,219	A	\$ 9.3377	28,136	D
	09/13/2005	M	5,484	A		33,620	D

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Common Stock					\$	11.1111		
Common Stock	09/13/2005		M	6,449	A	\$ 8.68	40,069	D
Common Stock							5,538	I by 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.1111	09/13/2005		M	10,017	03/09/2004 03/09/2007	Common Stock 10,017
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.1111	09/13/2005		M	5,484	08/15/2005 08/15/2008	Common Stock 5,484
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.68	09/13/2005		M	6,449	02/21/2004 02/21/2013	Common Stock 6,449
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.68	09/13/2005		M	11,251	09/24/2004 09/24/2007	Common Stock 11,251

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.3377	09/13/2005	M	2,219	04/19/2002	04/19/2011	Common Stock	2,219
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABELL JOSEPH M 25025 INTERSTATE 45 NORTH SUITE 600 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380			Senior Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

Eileen M. Price, AIF for Joseph M. Abell	09/14/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On August 19, 2005, the Common Stock of TETRA Technologies, Inc. split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 10,175 additional shares of Common Stock.

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