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AIRGAS INC  
Form S-8 POS  
September 26, 2002

Registration No. 333-60999

United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to  
FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
Under  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

AIRGAS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	56-0732648 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100, Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

1998 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN  
(Full Title of the Plan)

TODD R. CRAUN, ESQUIRE  
AIRGAS, INC.  
Radnor Court  
259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 100  
Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087  
(Name and address of agent for service)

(610) 687-5253  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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NANCY D. WEISBERG, ESQUIRE  
McCAUSLAND, KEEN & BUCKMAN  
Radnor Court  
259 North Radnor-Chester Road, Suite 160  
Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087

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Deregistration of Shares  
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The Registrant's 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan has been terminated. The Registrant hereby files this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to its Registration Statement No. 333-60999 filed on Form S-8 solely for the purpose of deregistering 2,476 shares

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of Common Stock previously registered pursuant to such Registration Statement that remain unsold upon the termination of the plan.

Signatures

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The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 333-60999 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Delaware County, Pennsylvania on September 26, 2002.

Airgas, Inc.

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Registrant

By: /s/ Peter McCausland

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Peter McCausland, Chairman  
of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer

By: /s/ Roger F. Millay

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Roger F. Millay, Senior  
Vice President - Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Robert M. McLaughlin

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Robert M. McLaughlin,  
Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 333-60999 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature -----	Title -----	Date -----
/s/ Peter McCausland ----- Peter McCausland	Director	September 26, 2002
/s/ W. Thacher Brown ----- W. Thacher Brown	Director	September 26, 2002
/s/ Frank B. Foster, III	Director	September 26, 2002

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Frank B. Foster, III

/s/ James W. Hovey                      Director                      September 26, 2002

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James W. Hovey

/s/ David M. Stout                      Director                      September 26, 2002

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David M. Stout

/s/ Paula A. Sneed                      Director                      September 26, 2002

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Paula A. Sneed

/s/ John A. H. Shober                      Director                      September 26, 2002

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John A. H. Shober

/s/ Lee M. Thomas                      Director                      September 26, 2002

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Lee M. Thomas

/s/ Robert L. Yohe                      Director                      September 26, 2002

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Robert L. Yohe