



# Rita Norat

## Project Manager

### **Why did you join Air Products?**

The Career Development Program provided the answer to one life-sized rhetorical question: "What do I want to be when I grow up?"

### **Why do you love working at Air Products? What is it that keeps you working at Air Products?**

I love the people I work with! They are enthusiastic and willing to share career advice. As a project manager, I'm always learning ... there is never a dull moment.

### **Briefly describe your career at Air Products to date.**

In my first assignment, I was a manufacturing engineer at our membranes facilities in Missouri. Next, I chased my interests onto process plant engineering, and then worked as a junior project engineer for our product line of small oxygen and nitrogen plants. I knew then that project management was my calling; since then, I have spent 17+ years executing projects for domestic and international customers; with each project has come more accountabilities and responsibilities.

### **What the most intriguing/satisfying thing(s) you've experienced at Air Products?**

Seeing a project go from inception to reality and customers achieving their goals. A helicopter ride over the Houston ship channel to oversee the arrival and off-loading of the major pieces of cryogenic equipment that would be a part of the largest air separation unit at one of our Texas industrial gases franchises. My international assignment in London. Recruiting the best talent to join the best company to work for.

### **What career advice would you give to those just starting out in their engineering careers?**

Know yourself and what you want. Show that you are a passionate individual who is willing to learn and give your 200 percent.