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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Mariano Robert A			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RITE AID CORP [RAD]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/21/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
875 E WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 100				(Check all applicable)			· · /	
	(Street)			X Director Officer (give title below	Othe		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivati	ve Securit	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships				
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
09/22/2005				
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	ÂX	Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer X Â	

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