

GENENTECH INC
Form 8-K
November 16, 2004

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 10, 2004

GENENTECH, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-9813 (Commission File Number)	94-2347624 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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1 DNA Way
South San Francisco, California 94080-4990
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 225-1000**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF
PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

Louis J. Lavigne, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Genentech, Inc. (CFO since 1988), has notified the Company that he will retire from his position in March 2005. Mr. Lavigne's effective date of retirement will be determined at that time.

David A. Ebersman, who is 34, will become Chief Financial Officer of Genentech effective upon Mr. Lavigne's retirement, subject to Mr. Ebersman's election to that position by the Board of Directors. Mr. Ebersman is currently Senior Vice President, Product Operations of Genentech and has served in that position since May 2001. He joined Genentech in February 1994 as a Business Development Analyst and subsequently served as Manager, Business Development from February 1995 to February 1996, Director, Business Development from February 1996 to March 1998, Senior Director, Product Development from March 1998 to February 1999 and Vice President, Product Development from February 1999 to May 2001. Prior to joining Genentech, he held the position of Research Analyst at Oppenheimer & Company, Inc.

Genentech issued a press release announcing these organizational changes on November 10, 2004 and a copy of it is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release of Genentech, Inc. dated November 10, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 16, 2004

By: /s/ Stephen G. Juelsgaard
Stephen G. Juelsgaard
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Genentech, Inc. dated November 10, 2004.