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GENENTECH INC Form 8-K August 19, 2005

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): August 15, 2005 GENENTECH, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-981394-2347624(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)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.)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02(b) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On August 15, 2005, Sir Mark Richmond, Ph.D., informed Genentech of his intention to resign from Genentech s Board of Directors effective October 31, 2005. Dr. Richmond has been a director of Genentech since August 1999.

ITEM 5.02(d) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Effective August 15, 2005, the Board of Directors of Genentech appointed Debra L. Reed to serve as a member of the Board until the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Genentech or her successor is duly elected or appointed. Ms. Reed currently serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Co., and previously served as the Chief Financial Officer of both companies.

The Board of Directors also appointed Ms. Reed to serve as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board.

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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: August 16, 2005 By: /s/ Stephen G. Juelsgaard

Stephen G. Juelsgaard

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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