

CANCERVAX CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 03, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **October 3, 2005**

**CANCERVAX CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-50440**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**52-2243564**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2110 Rutherford Road, Carlsbad, CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92008**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(760) 494-4200**

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

CancerVax Corporation management will host a conference call on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, to discuss the decision to discontinue the Phase 3 clinical trial of Canvaxin™ in patients with Stage III melanoma based upon the recommendation of the independent Data and Safety Monitoring Board ( DSMB ), which recently completed its planned, third, interim analysis of the data from this study, as further described below in Item 8.01, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. A live audio webcast of management's presentation will be available at <http://ir.cancervax.com>. Alternatively, callers may participate in the conference call by dialing (866) 831-6270 (domestic) or (617) 213-8858 (international). The passcode is 70660579. A replay of the conference call can be accessed by dialing (888) 286-8010 (domestic) or (617) 801-6888 (international). The passcode for the replay is 42654318. The webcast will also be archived on CancerVax's website.

The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 3, 2005, CancerVax and Serono issued a press release announcing their decision to discontinue the Phase 3 clinical trial of Canvaxin in patients with Stage III melanoma based upon the recommendation of the independent DSMB, which recently completed its planned, third, interim analysis of the data from this study. The DSMB found that the data are unlikely to provide significant evidence of an overall survival benefit for patients with Stage III melanoma who were treated with Canvaxin versus those who received placebo.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press release dated October 3, 2005. |

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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.

CANCERVAX CORPORATION

Date: October 3, 2005

By: /s/ David F. Hale

Name: David F. Hale

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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