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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): June 10, 2005

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.)

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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ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR

On June 10, 2005, the Board of Directors of Genentech, Inc. (the Company) approved an amendment to the Company s bylaws which establishes advance notice procedures for stockholders to bring business before the Company s annual meeting of stockholders and to nominate persons for election to the Company s Board of Directors. The full text of the Company s amended and restated bylaws is attached to this filing as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Set forth below is the text of the new bylaw:

SECTION 2.11: Advance Notice Procedures. (a) At an annual meeting of the stockholders, only such business shall be conducted as shall have been properly brought before the meeting. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, business must be: (A) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (B) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or (C) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder. For business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a stockholder s notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not less than ninety (90) calendar days before the one year anniversary of the date on which the Corporation first mailed its proxy statement to stockholders in connection with the previous year s annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that in the event that no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the date of the annual meeting has been changed by more than thirty (30) days from the date of the prior year s meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the later of ninety (90) calendar days in advance of such annual meeting and ten (10) calendar days following the date on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made. A stockholder s notice to the secretary shall set forth as to each matter the stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting: (A) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (B) the name and address, as they appear on the Corporation s books, of the stockholder proposing such business, (C) the class and number of shares of the Corporation that are beneficially owned by the stockholder, (D) any material interest of the stockholder in such business, and (E) any additional information that is required to be provided by the stockholder pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act), in the stockholder s capacity as a proponent to a stockholder proposal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to include information with respect to a stockholder proposal in the proxy statement and form of proxy for a stockholder s meeting, stockholders must provide notice as required by the regulations promulgated under the 1934 Act. Notwithstanding anything in these bylaws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at any annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this paragraph (a). The chairman of the annual meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare at the meeting that business was not properly brought before the meeting and in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph (a) and, if the chairman should so determine, the chairman shall so declare at the meeting that any such business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Article III of these bylaws, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this paragraph (b) shall be eligible for election as directors. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be made at a meeting of stockholders by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or by any stockholder of the Corporation entitled to vote in the election of directors at the meeting who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this paragraph (b). Such nominations, other than those made by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, shall be made pursuant to timely notice in writing to the secretary of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section 2.11. Such stockholder s notice shall set

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forth (1) as to each person, if any, whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director: (A) the name, age, business address and residence address of such person, (B) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (C) the class and number of shares of the Corporation that are beneficially owned by such person, (D) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nominations are to be made by the stockholder, and (E) any additional information relating to such person that is

required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for elections of directors, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the 1934 Act (including without limitation such person s written consent to being named in the proxy statement, if any, as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); and (2) as to such stockholder giving notice, the information required to be provided pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 2.11. At the request of the Board of Directors, any person nominated by a stockholder for election as a director shall furnish to the secretary of the Corporation that information required to be set forth in the stockholder s notice of nomination which pertains to the nominee. The chairman of the meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare at the meeting that a nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by these bylaws, and if the chairman should so determine, the chairman shall so declare at the meeting, and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Genentech, Inc.

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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: June 15, 2005

By: /s/ Stephen G. Juelsgaard

Stephen G. Juelsgaard Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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