

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
April 05, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) April 4, 2005

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**Danaher Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-08089**  
(Commission File Number)

**59-1995548**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2099 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20006-1813

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

202-828-0850

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

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

As previously reported on a Form 8-K filed on November 16, 2004, as of April 4, 2005 Daniel L. Comas succeeded Patrick W. Allender as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Allender remains Executive Vice President of the Company and is expected to continue with the Company at least through 2005 as he begins a gradual transition process toward retirement. Mr. Comas, 41 years old, has worked for Danaher since 1991, serving as Vice President-Corporate Development from 1996 until April 2004 and as Senior Vice President-Finance and Corporate Development from April 2004 until April 2005.

SIGNATURE

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.

DANAHER CORPORATION

By: /s/ H. Lawrence Culp, Jr.  
Name: H. Lawrence Culp, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 5, 2005