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

March 27, 2006

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

Nanometrics Incorporated

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction

0-13470 (Commission File Number) 94-2276314 (I. R. S. Employer

of incorporation)

1550 Buckeye Drive, Milpitas, California 95035

Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 435-9600

N/A

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) Effective as of March 27, 2006, Norman V. Coates resigned as a director of Nanometrics Incorporated. The resignation was not the result of any known disagreement with Nanometrics on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices.

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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.

Dated: March 30, 2006 NANOMETRICS INCORPORATED

/s/ Douglas J. McCutcheon Douglas J. McCutcheon

Chief Financial Officer