GENENTECH INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **LEVINSON ARTHUR D**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **GENENTECH INC [DNA]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) **1 DNA WAY**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) **04/18/2005**	__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) **CHAIRMAN & CEO**
(Street) **SO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080**	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/18/2005		M		85,000	A	$ 12.13	93,093	D	
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S		85,000	D	$ 67.49	8,093	D	
Common Stock	04/18/2005		M		115,000	A	$ 12.13	123,093	D	
Common Stock	04/18/2005		S		115,000	D	$ 67.5	8,093	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 12.13	04/18/2005		M		85,000		07/16/1999[(1)]	07/16/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 12.13	04/18/2005		M		115,000		07/16/1999[(1)]	07/16/2009	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEVINSON ARTHUR D 1 DNA WAY SO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO	

Signatures

Arthur D. Levinson	04/19/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

**   Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1)   This stock option vests over three years in equal monthly increments beginning one month from grant date. This option may be immediately exercisable with the consent of Genentech.

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