

CANCERVAX CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 09, 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): **September 6, 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - 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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On September 6, 2005, Martin A. Mattingly, Pharm.D., notified CancerVax Corporation (the *Company*) of his resignation as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective as of September 13, 2005. Dr. Mattingly, who has indicated that his reason for deciding to resign is to accept a position as President and Chief Executive Officer of another biotechnology company, has served as an executive officer of the Company since 2003.

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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: September 9, 2005

By: /s/ David F. Hale

Name: David F. Hale

Title: President and Chief Executive  
Officer