

**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): **February 4, 2009**

INCYTE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

0-27488
(Commission File Number)

94-3136539
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**Experimental Station
Route 141 & Henry Clay Road
Building E336
Wilmington, DE**
(Address of principal executive offices)

19880
(Zip Code)

(302) 498-6700
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

N/A
(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 obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective February 4, 2009, Mr. Matthew W. Emmens resigned from the Board of Directors of Incyte Corporation in connection with his appointment as President of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated.

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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: February 6, 2009

INCYTE CORPORATION

By: _____
/s/ Patricia A. Schreck
Patricia A. Schreck
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

