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): March 14, 2006

INCYTE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-27488

(Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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

94-3136539 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

> **19880** (Zip Code)

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

On March 14, 2006, Dr. Frederick B. Craves notified Incyte Corporation (the Company) that he would be retiring from the Board of Directors, effective at the time of the Company s 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and therefore would not stand for re-election. Dr. Craves has been a member of the Company s Board of Directors since 1993.

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 16, 2006

INCYTE CORPORATION

By:

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

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