

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2008

**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) March 18, 2008**

**Danaher Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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**001-08089**  
(Commission File Number)

**59-1995548**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2099 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C.**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**20006-1813**  
(Zip Code)

**202-828-0850**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not applicable**

(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 (*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 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))

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

On March 18, 2008, A. Emmet Stephenson, Jr. notified Danaher's Board of Directors that he has decided not to stand for reelection at the Company's annual meeting to be held on May 6, 2008, and will retire from the Danaher Board following the annual meeting. Mr. Stephenson has served on Danaher's Board since 1986. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Stephenson's retirement is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Danaher Announces Retirement of A. Emmet Stephenson, Jr. from Board of Directors

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.

DANAHER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel L. Comas

Name: Daniel L. Comas

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: March 24, 2008

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