

NOVAVAX INC  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2009

**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) October 16, 2009  
NOVAVAX, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-26770**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-2816046**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**9920 Belward Campus Drive**  
**Rockville, Maryland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**20850**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (240) 268-2000**  
(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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 16, 2009, Dr. Penny Heaton, Chief Medical Officer of Novavax, Inc. ( Novavax ), resigned from the Company, effective November 15, 2009, to pursue another opportunity. Maria Allende, M.D., Novavax's Executive Director of Clinical Research and Immunology, will assume Dr. Heaton's primary responsibilities. Dr. Allende has worked closely with Dr. Heaton since joining Novavax in 2008 and has been intimately involved in the planning and execution of Novavax's VLP based influenza vaccine clinical trials. She has also been integral in the planning of all future clinical trials and Novavax's regulatory approval strategy. Prior to coming to Novavax, Dr. Allende, was the Director of Infectious Diseases/Vaccines at MedImmune. Novavax thanks Dr. Heaton for her many contributions and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

**SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Novavax, Inc.  
(Registrant)

October 19, 2009

By: /s/ Frederick W. Driscoll  
Name: Frederick W. Driscoll  
Title: Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer