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QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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 28, 2004

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated  
One Malcolm Avenue  
Teterboro, NJ 07608  
(201) 393-5000

1-12215  
(Commission file number)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

16-1387862  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 28, 2004, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it and its test kit manufacturing subsidiary, Nichols Institute Diagnostics ("NID"), each received a subpoena from the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York. The subpoenas seek the production of various business records, including documents related to NID's FDA-cleared tests for parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels. The press release

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is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

c. Exhibit

99.1 Press release issued October 28, 2004 regarding the subpoena received from the Eastern District of New York.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

October 28, 2004

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Michael. E. Prevoznik

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Michael E. Prevoznik  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel