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## 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): July 22, 2004

# DANAHER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

001-08089 (Commission File Number) **59-1995548** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 12th Floor Washington, D.C. 20006-1813

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(202) 828-0850

(Registrant s telephone Number, including area code)

### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On July 22, 2004, Danaher Corporation issued a press release announcing earnings for the quarter ended July 2, 2004. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. This Current Report on Form 8-K and the press release attached hereto are being furnished by Danaher pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K.

This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### **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/ Patrick W. Allender

Name: Patrick W. Allender

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief

Financial Officer and Secretary

Dated: July 21, 2004

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Exhibit No.	Description	
99.1	Press release	Danaher Corporation Announces Record Second Quarter Results
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