

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

Form 8-K

November 19, 2004

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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) November 17, 2004

**Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Pennsylvania**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-5620**

**23-1609753**

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 The Safeguard Building  
435 Devon Park Drive  
Wayne, PA**

**19087**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**610-293-0600**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On November 17, 2004, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (the Company ) entered into an employment letter with Steven J. Feder, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Company. The letter provides for an initial base salary of \$300,000 per year and a minimum cash incentive of 50% of base salary under the Company's executive compensation bonus program for 2005. The letter also provides for a signing bonus of \$25,000, as well as other fringe benefits generally made available to the Company's executive officers. A separate letter agreement between the Company and Mr. Feder provides that in the event the Company terminates Mr. Feder's employment without cause or Mr. Feder terminates his employment for good reason (as defined in the employment letter), Mr. Feder would receive a payment equal to his annual base salary (or a multiple of 1.5 of his annual base salary if such termination occurs after 18 months of employment or under certain other circumstances, including a change in control). In addition, in such event, certain insurance coverages would continue for up to 12 months. All of such payments are subject to execution of a customary release agreement as well as compliance with confidentiality and non-solicitation agreements with the Company.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Employment Letter, effective November 17, 2004, and Letter Agreement, dated November 17, 2004, by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Steven J. Feder.

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.

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.

Dated: November 19, 2004

By: CHRISTOPHER J. DAVIS

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Christopher J. Davis  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Administrative & Financial Officer

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