COVANCE INC Form 8-K July 20, 2005

### **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) July 20, 2005

#### Covance Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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

1-12213 (Commission File Number) 22-3265977 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**210** Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey (Address of principal executive offices)

**08540** (Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code 609-452-4440

N/A

(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: |  |
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| o   | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)                  |
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| o   | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

| Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.  |
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| The following 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. |
| On July 20, 2005, Covance Inc. (the Company ) announced its preliminary financial results for the three month period ended June 30, 2005. The Company issued press release announcing these financial results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.   |
| Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits   |
| (c) Exhibits  |
| 99.1 Press Release of Covance Inc. dated July 20, 2005.   |
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#### **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.

COVANCE INC.

Date: July 20, 2005 /s/ William E. Klitgaard

Name: William E. Klitgaard

Title: Corporate Senior Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by Covance Inc. on July 20, 2005

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