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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): October 6, 2005

SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 0-23047 | 13-3864870 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission file number) | (I.R.S. employer identification no.) |

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| 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 408 | 10170 |
| New York, New York | (Zip code) |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 672-9100

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))

ITEM 8.01. Other Events.

On October 6, 2005, SIGA Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, issued a press release pursuant to which it announced that the company's lead smallpox compound, SIGA-246, completely protected golden ground squirrels from lethal doses of monkeypox virus. Monkeypox virus is closely related to human smallpox virus, and causes a similar disease in both monkeys and humans. SIGA-246, administered orally, demonstrated significant antiviral activity

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against the golden ground squirrel model of monkeypox disease. The study was conducted in the BSL-3 facility at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). SIGA had announced in October 2004 that it had established the efficacy of SIGA-246 in several mouse models. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated October 6, 2005. |

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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.

SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas N. Konatich

Name: Thomas N. Konatich
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 6, 2005

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