# UNITED STATES 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): 08/12/2009

# **Dynavax Technologies Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34207

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 33-0728374 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2929 Seventh Street, Suite 100 Berkeley, CA 94710-2753

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(510) 848-5100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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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 August 12, 2009, Dynavax Technologies Corporation (Dynavax) issued a press release titled "Dynavax Announces European Development Strategy for HEPLISAV(TM) Hepatitis B Vaccine." A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibit

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated August 12, 2009, titled "Dynavax Announces European Development Strategy for HEPLISAV(TM) Hepatitis B Vaccine."

### 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.

Dynavax Technologies Corporation

Date: August 12, 2009

By: /s/ Michael S. Ostrach

Michael S. Ostrach Vice President

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### DYNAVAX ANNOUNCES EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR HEPLISAV HEPATITIS B VACCINE

BERKELEY, CA – August 12, 2009 – Dynavax Technologies Corporation (Nasdaq: DVAX) today announced that it has met with the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMEA) to discuss its plans for continued clinical development of HEPLISAV<sup>TM</sup> Phase 3 investigational adult hepatitis B vaccine in Europe.

In a Scientific Advice letter, EMEA expressed a general agreement with Dynavax's proposed plan to develop HEPLISAV for adult populations that are less responsive to current licensed hepatitis B vaccines, including adults over 40 years of age, individuals with chronic kidney disease, and other groups. In addition, EMEA suggested that Dynavax consider the development of HEPLISAV for adults under 40 years of age who need rapid protection, a group that includes emergency personnel, healthcare workers and international travelers.

"As we advance our development plans for HEPLISAV, EMEA's scientific advice supports expansion of our targeted population in Europe to include subjects who need rapid protection against hepatitis B infection," commented Dino Dina, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Dynavax. "A vaccine that demonstrates potential to provide faster and better protection than current vaccines could transform vaccination regimens and outcomes, particularly for individuals with increased risk of infection."

### About HEPLISAV

HEPLISAV is a Phase 3 investigational adult hepatitis B vaccine designed to provide more rapid and increased protection with fewer doses than current licensed vaccines. Over 2,500 individuals have been vaccinated with HEPLISAV to date.

Dynavax has worldwide commercial rights to HEPLISAV, which combines hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) with a proprietary Toll-like Receptor 9 agonist to enhance the immune response.

### **About Hepatitis B Vaccines**

Hepatitis B is a chronic disease which can lead to cirrhosis of the liver and hepatocellular carcinoma. There is no cure for hepatitis B and disease prevention through effective vaccination is critical to reducing the spread of the disease. The total worldwide market for adult hepatitis B vaccines is estimated at over \$500 million annually.

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#### About Dynavax

Dynavax Technologies Corporation, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, discovers and develops novel products to prevent and treat infectious diseases. The Company's lead product candidate is HEPLISAV, a Phase 3 investigational adult hepatitis B vaccine designed to provide more rapid and increased protection with fewer doses than current licensed vaccines. For more information visit www.dynavax.com.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements," that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including statements related to the nature of communications with EMEA regarding HEPLISAV, submissions of documents, and potential clinical trials, and whether those submissions and trials may be acceptable to the EMEA. Actual results may differ materially from those set forth in this press release due to the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business, including whether and when the FDA will remove the clinical hold on HEPLISAV, whether HEPLISAV can be further developed, financed or commercialized, or even if further development is permitted, that successful clinical development and regulatory approval can occur in a timely manner or without significant additional studies or difficulties or delays in development, the Company's ability to obtain additional financing to support its operations, possible claims against the Company based on the patent rights of others; and other risks detailed in the "Risk Factors" section of our current periodic reports with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to revise or update information herein to reflect events or circumstances in the future, even if new information becomes available.