

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2005

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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):

May 6, 2005

Illinois Tool Works Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-04797

36-1258310

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois

60026

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

847-657-4929

Not Applicable

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On May 6, 2005, Jon C. Kinney, age 62, announced that he will retire from his position as the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer effective August 6, 2005. Mr. Kinney has held this position since January 7, 1998, and has been an employee of ITW since 1972. Upon his retirement, Mr. Kinney's duties will be split among Ronald D. Kropp, the Company's Vice President and Controller, Financial Reporting and Eugene Osterkorn, the Company's Vice President and Controller, Operations.

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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.

Illinois Tool Works Inc.

*May 9, 2005*

*By: Robert T. Callahan*

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*Name: Robert T. Callahan*

*Title: Sr. VP, Human Resources*