

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

**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): 12/17/2008**

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Commission File Number: 1-16411**

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

**95-4840775**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**1840 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067**  
**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**  
**(310) 553-6262**  
**(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))**
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(e) On December 17, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Northrop Grumman Corporation (the Company ) adopted a policy that permits the recoupment (commonly referred to as a clawback policy) of certain performance-based compensation, set forth by the following design elements:

Applies to employees at the vice-president level and above

Covers performance-based compensation and applies to both Annual Incentive Plan (AIP) awards and Long Term Incentive Stock Plan (LTISP) awards

Compensation Committee has discretion to evaluate to what extent recoupment of performance-based compensation is appropriate based on specific facts and circumstances

Is triggered by a financial restatement by the Company linked to misconduct, applicable to responsible party

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**Signature(s)**

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.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION

Date: December 23, 2008

By: /s/ Stephen D. Yslas  
Stephen D. Yslas  
Corporate Vice President, Secretary and  
Deputy General Counsel