### 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): February 18, 2011

## **CHEMED CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-8351 (Commission File Number) 31-0791746 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2600 Chemed Center, 255 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 762-6900

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))

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 22, 2011 Chemed Corporation issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors increased the authorization of Chemed's share repurchase program to provide for \$100 million of future share repurchases. These will be funded through a combination of cash on hand, cash generated from operations as well as utilization of its revolving credit facility. A copy of the release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

d) Exhibit

(99) Registrant's press release dated February 22, 2011

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### CHEMED CORPORATION

Dated: February 22, 2011

By: <u>/s/ Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.</u> Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.

Vice President and Controller

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### Chemed Corporation's Board of Directors Approves \$100 Million Stock Repurchase Program

CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 22, 2011--Chemed Corporation (NYSE:CHE) today announced that the Board of Directors has formally authorized \$100 million available for stock repurchase under Chemed's share repurchase program. These share repurchases will be funded through a combination of cash generated from operations as well as utilization of its revolving credit facility.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chemed Corporation (<u>www.chemed.com</u>) operates two wholly owned subsidiaries: VITAS Healthcare and Roto-Rooter. VITAS is the nation's leagest provider of end-of-life hospice care and Roto-Rooter is the nation's leading provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services.

Statements in this press release or in other Chemed communications may relate to future events or Chemed's future performance. Such statements are forward-looking statements and are based on present information Chemed has related to its existing business circumstances. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risk and that actual results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements. Further, investors are cautioned that Chemed does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements based on unanticipated events or changed expectations.

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