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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	ss of Reporting Perso DAVID PATR		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHEMED CORP</u> [CHE]		ationship of Reporting Pe < all applicable) Director	rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
(Last) (First) 2600 CHEMED CENTE 255 EAST FIFTH STRE	CENTER	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2006	- X	Officer (give title below) vice president	Other (specify below) & CFO
(Street) CINCINNATI (City)	OH (State)	45202 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha Person	porting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Date Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and							5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		5)			Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
capital stock	03/20/2006		М		18,000	A	\$18.45	54,291	D	
capital stock	03/20/2006		F ⁽¹⁾		9,393	D	\$58.45	44,898	D	
capital stock								1,600	Ι	by IRA

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
stock option(right to buy with tandem tax withholding)	\$18.45	03/20/2006		М			18,000	11/20/2002	05/20/2012	capital stock	18,000	\$18.45	38,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Payment of purchase price and tax obligation on stock option exercise.

Remarks:

David P. Williams

** Signature of Reporting Person

03/21/2006 Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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