

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/ [DOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/07/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

2030 DOW CENTER

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MIDLAND, MI 48674

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/07/2005		M		150,000	A	\$ 36.0208
Common Stock	03/07/2005		F		96,916	D	\$ 55.75
Common Stock	03/07/2005		F <sup>(2)</sup>		16,111	D	\$ 55.75
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S		189	D	\$ 55.49
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S		9,318	D	\$ 55.5

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Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	3,085	D	\$ 55.51	287,011	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	2,833	D	\$ 55.52	284,178	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	7,052	D	\$ 55.53	277,126	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	6,436	D	\$ 55.54	270,690	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	3,211	D	\$ 55.55	267,479	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	3,777	D	\$ 55.56	263,702	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	190	D	\$ 55.57	263,512	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2005	S	882	D	\$ 55.58	262,630	D	
Common Stock						8,260.695	I	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						1,477.033	I	by 401(k) Plan ESOP
Common Stock						34,680	I	by Spouse

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

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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.0208	03/07/2005		M	150,000	(3)	02/16/2010	Common Stock	15

(1)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S 2030 DOW CENTER MIDLAND, MI 48674	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Tina S. Van Dam for William S. Stavropoulos, Chairman of the Board	03/07/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Granted under The Dow Chemical Company 1988 Award and Option Plan, a Rule 16b-3 plan. The plan pursuant to which the reported grant was made provides for tax withholding rights.
- (2) Shares withheld pursuant to tax withholding rights under award and option plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (3) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 16, 2001.

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