

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
2030 DOW CENTER

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/18/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

MIDLAND, MI 48674

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

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(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 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/18/2005 | | M | | 112,500 | A | \$ 31.1042 |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2005 | | F | | 65,223 | D | \$ 53.65 |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2005 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 14,349 | D | \$ 53.65 |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2005 | | S | | 32,928 | D | \$ 53.92 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 8,260.695 |
| | | | | | | I | by 401(k) Plan |

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|--------------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| Common Stock | 1,477.033 | I | by 401(k) Plan ESOP |
| Common Stock | 27,694 | I | by Partnership |
| 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) <u>(1)</u> | \$ 31.1042 | 02/18/2005 | | M | 112,500 | <u>(3)</u> | 02/16/2009 | Common Stock | 11 |

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

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| Tina S. Van Dam for William S. Stavropoulos, Chairman of the Board | 02/23/2005 |
| **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).

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- (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, 2000.

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