

## **Dow Response -- Inclusion in Business & Human Rights Resource Centre and Political Economy Research Institute's Inclusion in "Toxic 100" Listing**

In 1995, The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) set a number of corporate goals intended to improve Dow's environment, health and safety performance. These goals included goals which were focused on reducing the impact of Dow's global operations through reducing emissions, including lowering:

- Chemical emissions by 50 percent,
- Priority compounds by 75 percent and
- Dioxin emissions by 90 percent.

Dow's performance at achieving these goals has been substantive. Dow's progress is detailed on [www.dow.com](http://www.dow.com) at <http://www.dow.com/commitments/stewardship/increase.htm>. As of the end of 2005, Dow had:

- Reduced Dow's overall chemical emissions by 56 percent since 1994. Dow achieved this goal while realizing production increases of 31 percent during this same time period. Dow not only reduced its existing emissions, but also implemented technology that allowed production growth without increasing emissions.
- Reduced Dow's emissions of priority compounds by 84 percent since 1994. Even though Dow met this goal in 2002, Dow is committed to continue its efforts to meet the challenge of maintaining its emission reductions while increasing production. Priority compounds include persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) compounds, known human carcinogens, selected ozone depleting substances, and high volume toxic compounds.
- Continued its efforts to control emission sources for dioxins and identify further improvements, and, for 2005, reported total dioxin air and water emissions of less than eight grams TEQ globally for the third year in a row. Emissions to air specifically have been reduced by more than 95 percent since 1995.

Dow's progress regarding emissions reduction is also publicly reported in the format recognized by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Dow's 2006 GRI report is available at [http://www.dow.com/commitments/pdf/GRI2006\\_05\\_18\\_2007](http://www.dow.com/commitments/pdf/GRI2006_05_18_2007). This report is designed as a supplement to Dow's Corporate Report for 2006, and not as a stand-alone piece. A GRI report for 2007 emissions will be available on Dow.com by June 1, 2008.

In 2006, Dow announced a set of ambitious, next-generation set of 2015 Sustainability Goals. See <http://www.dow.com/commitments/sustain.htm> for more information.

Through working to accomplish these goals, Dow will focus its efforts on strengthening its relationships within the communities where it operates, continuing to improve its product stewardship and innovation to solve some of the world's most pressing problems, and to reduce its global footprint.

As demonstrated by its long-standing record of emissions reductions and public reporting described above, Dow is committed to continuing to make progress in reducing its environmental footprint and to provide innovative problem-solving and sustainable solutions to address critical global challenges through one of these Sustainability Goals, namely, Sustainable Chemistry.

Please monitor Dow's website, [www.dow.com](http://www.dow.com), as well as Dow's public reporting, for further updates about Dow's progress in meeting its 2015 Sustainability Goals.