

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/
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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
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/18/2005		M		112,500 A \$ 31,1042	375,130	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005		F		65,223 D \$ 53.65	309,907	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005		F ⁽²⁾		14,349 D \$ 53.65	295,558	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005		S		32,928 D \$ 53.92	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	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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
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

Tina S. Van Dam for William S. Stavropoulos, Chairman of the Board	02/23/2005
<u> </u> 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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