

KEPLER DAVID E  
Form 4  
February 18, 2003

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Kepler II, David E.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>2030 Dow Center</b>  (Street) <b>Midland, MI 48674</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>The Dow Chemical Company (DOW)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Corporate Vice President &amp; CIO</b>				
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>2/14/03</b>			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>							
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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 & 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct (D)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Title			

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							Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$27.40</b>	<b>02/14/03</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>23,125.000</b>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<b>02/14/13</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>23,125.000</b>		<b>23,125.000</b>	<b>D</b>

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The plan pursuant to which the reported grant was made provides for tax withholding rights.  
 (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2004.

By: /s/ **David E. Kepler II**  
**David E. Kepler II**  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**2/18/03**  
 Date

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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