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Form 4
March 18, 2003

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Kepler II, David E.	**The Dow Chemical Company (DOW)**	
(Last) (First) (Middle) **2030 Dow Center**	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year **03/14/03**	_ Director 10% Owner **X** Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) **Corporate Vice President & CIO**
(Street) **Midland**, **MI 48674**	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) **X** Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 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. Conver-sion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans-action 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. Owner-ship Form of Deriv-ative Security: Direct (D)	11. Natu of Indir Benefic Owners (Instr. 4

				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Deferred Stock(1)		**03/14/03**		**A**		**25,000**(2)			(3)	**Common Stock**	**25,000**		**25,000**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Granted under The Dow Chemical Company 1988 Award and Option Plan, a Rule 16b-3 plan.
(2) The plan pursuant to which the reported grant was made provides for tax withholding rights.
(3) The shares vest in one installment on March 14, 2006.

By: /s/ **Thomas E. Moran** **03/17/03**
Thomas E. Moran for David E. Kepler II Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

**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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Tina S. Van Dam and Thomas E. Moran, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of The Dow Chemical Company (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary o desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally requi

by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall cont such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discret

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and pe any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersig might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the ri and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Compa assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17th day of March, 20003.

Signature: /s/ David E. Kepler II

Print Name: David E. Kepler II