

# Dow Dead Earth Days of Action!

On Sunday, April 18th, Dow Chemical will sponsor the Live Earth Run for Water in Prospect Park, a shameless attempt to cover up the company's role as a major polluter of drinking water and aquatic ecosystems.

Dow refuses to take responsibility for its toxic legacy around the world and its ongoing efforts to undermine environmental protection.



**Join us for a week of forums, panels, and screenings, culminating in an action Sunday morning in Prospect Park.**

**SUN, APR 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 @ 7:00 AM: Protest the Dow Live Earth Run for Water!**

*Yes Men! Grim Reapers! Walking Dead! Runners – from Dow! Dow Polluters In Hazmat Suits!*  
Stand up for health and environmental justice! Expose the run as a PR scam! Wear black hoodies & pants for reapers, black shirts and pants for walking dead, black or orange running clothes for runners, and white hoodies if you want to wear a hazmat suit. Wear black or orange anything if you want to hold signs or flyer. Rendezvous outside 15th St-Prospect Park Station (F/G train stop). Call Marco at (646) 428-5136 at if you have trouble finding us or arrive late – but PLEASE try to arrive on time! RSVP at <http://snipurl.com/dowkills>

**ALL WEEK LONG: Costume, Sign, and Prop Making in Bushwick, Brooklyn**

Help prep for the protest! Let us know you'll be coming (718) 880-7979 / Directions at <http://wetlands-preserve.org/?page=Directions>

**WED, APR 14 @ 7PM: Environmental Justice Panel: PVC and Coal Corporations: Poisoning Our Communities**

w/ Dea Goblirsch and Jeff Friederich (Climate Ground Zero) & Lois Gibbs (Center for Health, Environment & Justice) Climate Ground Zero will address efforts to end mountaintop removal in Appalachia. Gibbs, who became internationally known for her organizing efforts at Love Canal, will address Dow, PVC, and dioxin. **Time:** 7PM-9PM **Location:** NYU, Gallatin Lounge, 5th floor of 1 Washington Place at Broadway, Manhattan **Directions:** R/W to 8th Street or 6 to Astor Place. Co-sponsored with Students Creating Radical Change @ NYU. Bring Photo ID!

**FRI, APR 16 @ 5:30PM: Environmental Injustice & PVC-Free Schools: A talk by Lois Gibbs**

Find out how Dow and other producers of toxic PVC plastic are poisoning environmental justice communities in Louisiana, and where PVC may be hiding in your campus. Learn how chemicals such as phthalates and dioxins are released by PVC and are linked to breast cancer, reproductive health problems, asthma, and learning disabilities. Find out how you can kick PVC off your campus. **Time:** 5:30pm – 8:00pm **Location:** Pratt Campus- Higgins Hall North Room 308 Street:61 St. James Place. Brooklyn **Directions:** off C train Clinton Washington stop - walk along Washington Ave to Lafayette and make a right and then again a right on St. James or G train Clinton Washington stop- walk on Lafayette and make a right on St. James Place.

**FRI, APR 16 @ 8PM: Films on Dow at the Anarchist Film Festival**

Short Films on the Bhopal disaster, the legacy of Agent Orange in Vietnam, the toxic hazard of Dow's PVC production, and Dow's dioxin disaster in Michigan. Hard hitting documentaries, clever subvertisements, plus fun films like the animated "Sam Suds and the Case of PVC, the Poison Plastic" by the creators of "The Meatrix" and "The Story of Stuff." Plus: A film on the Yes Men's campaign of pranks against Dow. Introduced by Aquene Freechild of International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal. Part of the 4th Annual Anarchist Film Festival in Memory of Brad Will. **Time:** 2:00-3:00PM **Location:** Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South between Sullivan and Thompson Streets. **Directions:** A,C,E,B,D,F,or V to West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**SAT, APR 17 @ 11AM: Dow's Toxic Lies: Greenwashing Bhopal, Agent Orange, and Dioxin**

Join us for panel discussion featuring Yes Men, environmental health and justice activists, and conscious kids. Presenters: Whitney Black & Rocco Ferrer (The Yes Men); Brian Mooney (International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal); Dawn Reel (Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign), Akash Viswanath Mehta - (Kids for A Better Future) Moderated by Aquene Freechild (International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal!) The panel is part of the NYC Anarchist Book Fair. **Time:** 11-12:30AM **Location:** Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South between Sullivan and Thompson Streets. **Directions:** A, C, E, B, D, F, or V to West 4th St.

# WHAT'S DOW TRYING TO COVER UP?

## Responsibility for Agent Orange

Millions of liters of Agent Orange and other poisonous chemicals were sprayed over Vietnam during the U.S. war. The chemical companies knew then that the defoliant was toxic to humans, yet they refused to take measures to eliminate dioxin in order to protect their profits. From 1961-1971, Dow and Monsanto (and 35 other chemical companies who are also culpable) made billions of dollars by raining death and environmental destruction on Vietnam. Severely disabled children are still being born today due to the long term effects of dioxin and lack of clean up (More info: <http://vn-agentorange.org/>)



## Culpability in the Bhopal Disaster

On the night of 2 December 1984, over 35 tons of toxic gases leaked from a pesticide plant in Bhopal owned by the US-based multinational Union Carbide Corporation (UCC)'s Indian affiliate Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL). In the next 2-3 days more than 7,000 people died and many more were injured. Over the last 21 years at least 15,000 more people have died from illnesses related to gas exposure. Today more than 100,000 people continue to suffer chronic and debilitating illnesses for which treatment is largely ineffective. The transnational corporations involved - UCC and Dow Chemicals (which took over UCC in 2001) - have publicly stated that they have no responsibility for the leak and its consequences or for the pollution from the plant. UCC continues to refuse to appear before the court in Bhopal to face trial and the Indian Supreme Court-endorsed final settlement has left survivors living in penury. (More info at <http://bhopal.net>)



## Dioxin Pollution in Michigan

Dow Chemical Company has been particularly aggressive in denying the toxicity of dioxin. The company's product line, which is heavily reliant on chlorinated chemical production, has resulted in communities contaminated with dioxin. Dow faces major liability for dioxin at its global headquarters in Michigan where the company has contaminated more than 50 miles of a river system that leads to Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes. The company has repeatedly attempted to weaken cleanup standards to reduce the company's liability, while helping to create uncertainty at the federal level. The company has fought the state residential cleanup standard in Michigan, which is 90 ppt, although the federal government recently used 30 ppt for a site in Florida. (More info at <http://trwnews.net>)



## Poisoning Drinking Water and Killing Dolphins in Texas

The Union Carbide (now Dow) Seadrift, Texas plant operates alongside of sensitive wetlands. 5 to 10 million gallons a day of wastewater is dumped into the barge canal that opens into San Antonio Bay. The wastewater treatment system lies open and alongside the barge channel and for many years the county's drinking water ran through Union Carbide/Dow's burning pits, spill areas, and fields contaminated with over 19 constituents (benzene, naphthalene, toluene, etc) some with concentrations as high as 2,300 p.p.m. Plant wide, Union Carbide/Dow had over 50 areas contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen linked to leukemia. The pollution has contributed to the largest dolphin die-offs in the Mammal Stranding Network's history, with more than 200 dying in months. The area bays have also witnessed green, brown, and red tides that kill the fish and are at times toxic to humans. (More info at <http://snipurl.com/dowdolphins>)



**Join us on April 18th to demand that Dow fund cleanups of the areas they've polluted, stop trying to cover up the harmful effects of dioxin, and pay reparations and fund medical care for the people whose health they've harmed!**

**Sponsored by Center for Health, Environment & Justice; International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal; Kids for A Better Future; New York Whale and Dolphin Action League; Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign; Wetlands Activism Collective/Global Justice for Animals and the Environment; and The Yes Men!**