

Why is Dirty Dow Sponsoring the Live Earth Run for Water?

Dow Chemical is sponsoring The Live Earth Run for Water as a shameless attempt to cover up the company's role as a major polluter of both drinking water and aquatic ecosystems. Dow is using caring people like you in a cynical scheme to improve its public image without having to take responsibility for both its toxic legacy around the world and its ongoing efforts to undermine environmental protection.



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 & Killing Dolphins



Dow's 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. (More info at <http://snipurl.com/dowdolphins>)

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. From 1961-1971, Dow and Monsanto 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, India owned by the US-based multinational Union Carbide Corporation (UCC). 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. More than 100,000 people continue to suffer chronic and debilitating illnesses for

which treatment is largely ineffective 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.) More info at <http://bhopal.net>)

What You Can Do:

1. Learn more about Dow's global environmental atrocities. Visit <http://bhopal.net/livearth>
2. Sign the online petition at <http://www.bhopal.net/petition/> to the organizers of Live Earth demanding they
 - a) to dissociate Live Earth from Dow as soon as possible
 - b) ask Dow Chemical to fulfill its legal liabilities in Bhopal and clean up its contamination
 - c) insist that Dow Chemical provides clean water to communities where its groundwater contamination is causing illness.
3. Volunteer with groups working to hold Dow accountable, including the sponsors of this demonstration. For details, email dowkills@wetlands-preserve.org or call (718) 880-7979
4. Make a donation to defray costs associated with organizing this demonstration.. Mail checks to Wetlands Activism Collective, 15 Thames Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Make checks out to Wetlands Activism Collective and write Bhopal in the note.

Sponsored by Brooklyn Greens; 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; and The Yes Men!