

KEPLER DAVID E  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KEPLER DAVID E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2030 DOW CENTER  
(Street)

MIDLAND, MI 48674

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/ [DOW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Corp VP & CIO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/31/2005		M	19,500 A \$ 26.6458	21,000	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2005		F	10,594 D \$ 49.045	10,406	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2005		F <sup>(2)</sup>	2,728 D \$ 49.045	7,678	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2005		S	3,300 D \$ 49.72	4,378	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2005		S	2,878 D \$ 49.713	1,500	D	

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Common Stock	1,157.743	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	969.38	I	by 401(k) Plan ESOP
Common Stock	15,189.652	I	by Trust

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 26.6458	01/31/2005		M	19,500	02/12/1998 02/12/2007	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KEPLER DAVID E 2030 DOW CENTER MIDLAND, MI 48674			Corp VP & CIO	

## Signatures

Tina S. Van Dam for David E.  
Kepler II

02/01/2005

\*\*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).
- (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.

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