

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 13, 2002

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-3433  
(Commission File  
Number)

38-1285128  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2030 Dow Center, Midland, Michigan 48674  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(989) 636-1000

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

**Item 5. Other Events**

The Dow Chemical Company issued a press release on December 13, 2002, the text of which is contained in the Exhibit filed herein.

Item 7.

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The following exhibit is filed as a part of this report:

Exhibit No. 99

News Release Stavropoulos Named Dow President and Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 13, 2002

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

By: /S/J.P.

REINHARD

Name: J.P. Reinhard

Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99. News Release Stavropoulos Named Dow President and Chief  
Executive Officer