

Why Protest Dow's Sponsorship of Blue Planet Run?

What the runners and many supporters of Blue Planet Run either don't realize or refuse to acknowledge is Dow's long history of destructive practices that continue to chemically contaminate just about every place on earth. But it isn't just Dow's history that is harmful, the corporation consistently refuses to be accountable for its actions, defends poisons for profit, and denies liabilities:

- Dow bought Union Carbide, the company whose factory in Bhopal killed thousands in the worst industrial catastrophe in history. Many of the same people responsible for the Bhopal disaster are still working for Dow. Yet Dow denies any responsibility for the well-being of the hundreds of thousands of survivors of the toxic gas release. The chemical waste that Carbide left behind at the factory site has contaminated the drinking supply for tens of thousands of men, women, and children, yet Dow is trying to hand off the cleanup to Indians and walk away.
- Dow continues to make dangerous chemicals including Bad Actor pesticides chlorpyrifos, atrazine and sulfuric fluoride, and poly vinyl chloride (PVC's - which contaminate with dioxin), even though scientific study has shown clear links to cancer, neurological disease, developmental problems, endocrine disruption and other illness.
- Dow made Agent Orange, the herbicide now linked to neurological illness suffered by many U.S. Viet Nam veterans and Vietnamese survivors of the U.S. war. And Dow made napalm in increasingly deadly formulations.
- Dow continued to make the pesticide DBCP even after it was banned in the U.S. DBCP causes sterility, testicular atrophy, birth defects and five types of terminal cancer. Tens of thousands of banana workers in Central America and the Philippines have been made sterile and sick by their exposure to DBCP. In response to a Nicaraguan law requiring that Dow pay compensation to banana workers, Dow said that the law "offends every notion Americans have of fair play and substantial justice" and refuses to pay. Trial of Dow and Dole began in Los Angeles July 19, 2007. Is this Dow's "Human Element"?

Don't let Dow Chemical greenwash California and the world.

Join Pesticide Action Network North America, Environmental Health Fund, Amnesty International, Michigan's Ecology Center, Beyond Pesticides, War Legacies Project, Students for Bhopal and many other groups on August 1st at 2:30 pm across from One Market Street in a peaceful standing protest to show them we don't buy their expensive ad campaign -- tell Dow to spend its billions on cleanup and safer technologies, not public relations.

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