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VINYL INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT

WAYNE, New Jersey, June 26, 1991 -- Fifteen vinyl manufacturing plants located throughout the country have been recognized for outstanding contributions to the safe production of PVC (polyvinyl chloride, or vinyl). The awards are presented each year by the Vinyl Institute, the national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of vinyl, vinyl feedstocks, additives, and film and sheet products. Separate awards are given in the areas of environmental protection and worker safety. This year's awards recognize performance during 1990.

The Institute's environmental achievement award is designed to measure a plant's ability -- to control and minimize vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) emissions and is modeled on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants. VCM is a feedstock used to manufacture PVC, the world's second largest selling plastic material. Winners of this year's award are:

- Borden Chemicals & Plastics, for its PVC and VCM operations in Geismar, Louisiana
- The Dow Chemical Company, for its Oyster Creek Integrated Facility in Freeport, Texas
- Georgia Gulf Corporation, for its PVC plant in Delaware City, Delaware, and its VCM plant in Plaquemine, Louisiana

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- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plants in Avon Lake, Ohio and Deer Park, Texas, and its VCM plant in LaPorte, Texas
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its PVC plants in Burlington, New Jersey and Addis, Louisiana
- Vista Chemical Company, for its PVC plant in Aberdeen, Mississippi

The Institute's safety performance award is based on the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's recordable incidence rate. As defined by OSHA, a recordable incidence rate involves on-the-job injuries and illness resulting in medical treatment. Winners of this year's worker safety award are:

- Borden Chemicals & Plastics, for its VCM plant in Geismar, Louisiana
- The Dow Chemical Company, for its EDC plants in Freeport, Texas and Plaquemine, Louisiana
- Georgia Gulf Corporation, for its PVC plant in Delaware City, Delaware
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plant in Deer Park, Texas and its VCM plant in LaPorte, Texas
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its VCM plant in Deer Park, Texas

The awards were presented May 30 at the Institute's annual meeting. The Vinyl Institute is a division of The Society of the Plastics Industry and is headquartered in Wayne, New Jersey.

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