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AIR PRODUCTS, FIVE OTHER FIRMS RECOGNIZED FOR
OUTSTANDING SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

WAYNE, New Jersey, June 25, 1987 — Six leading manufacturers of PVC (polyvinyl chloride) and VCM (vinyl chloride monomer) have been cited by the Vinyl Institute for outstanding contributions to improved safety and for environmental achievement.

The Vinyl Institute presented its top safety award for 1987 to John T. Barr and Air Products & Chemicals Inc., Allentown, PA. The award recognizes Barr, recently retired manager — regulatory response at Air Products, for the company's contributions to standards-setting and safety organizations, presentations before government regulatory agencies, and authorship of technical bulletins relating to health effects and safe use and handling of vinyl chloride.

The Institute also presented its annual worker safety awards in recognition of member company achievement in the area of OSHA's recordable incidence rate. As defined by the Federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration, recordable incidents involve on-the-job injuries or illnesses requiring medical treatment.

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Receiving this year's awards, for 1986 performance, are:

Dow Chemical USA, first place in the VOM/EDC (ethylene dichloride) category, for 0.0 OSHA recordable rates at four plants: Oyster Creek and EDC/NPA in Freeport, TX, and Vinyl II and EDC I in Plaquemine, LA.

The BFGoodrich Company, second place in the VOM/EDC category for a 0.78 OSHA recordable rate at its LaPorte, TX plant.

Occidental Chemical Corporation, first place in the PVC category for 0.76 OSHA recordable rate at its Pasadena, TX plant.

Vista Chemical Company, second place in the PVC category for a 0.81 OSHA recordable rate at its Aberdeen, MS plant.

Both Dow and Goodrich won their respective awards for the second year in a row.

Environmental achievement awards were newly inaugurated by the Institute this year to recognize performance in controlling and minimizing VOM emissions. The award is modeled on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants. The best score possible is 100.

Receiving this year's awards, for 1986 performance, are:

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Dow Chemical USA, first place in the VCM/EDC category, with a score of 100 at its Oyster Creek plant in Freeport, TX, and second place with a score of 98.97 at its Vinyl II plant in Plaquemine, LA.

The BFGoodrich Company and Occidental Chemical Corporation, tied for first place in the PVC category with scores of 100 at their respective plants in Plaquemine, LA, and Burlington, NJ.

CertainTeed Corporation, second place in the PVC category with a score of 99.97 at its Lake Charles, LA plant.

Company representatives accepted the awards at the Institute's annual meeting on May 20.

The Vinyl Institute is a trade association representing the leading manufacturers of PVC and VCM. Its headquarters are in Wayne, New Jersey.

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