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AWARDS RECOGNIZE SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE BY PVC INDUSTRY

WAYNE, New Jersey, June 21, 1988 -- Seven companies have been cited for their outstanding contributions to improved worker safety and for their achievements in the area of environmental performance by The Vinyl Institute, a national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of PVC (polyvinyl chloride, or vinyl), VCM (vinyl chloride monomer) and PVC modifiers and additives. The awards are given each year at the Institute's annual meeting.

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

- Dow Chemical Company, for its VCM and EDC plants in Freeport, Texas and Plaquemine, Louisiana
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plant in Henry, Illinois
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its VCM/EDC plant in Deer Park, Texas

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The Institute's environmental achievement award is designed to measure a plant's ability to control and minimize VCM emissions and is modeled on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants. Winners of this year's award are:

- Air Products and Chemicals, for its PVC plant in Pensacola, Florida
- Borden Chemicals and Plastics, for its VCM/EDC plant in Geismar, Louisiana
- CertainTeed Corporation, for its PVC plant in Sulphur, Louisiana
- Dow Chemical Company, for its Saran copolymers plant in Midland, Michigan
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plants in Deer Park, Texas and Plaquemine, Louisiana
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its PVC plants in Burlington, New Jersey and Addis, Louisiana and its VCM/EDC plant in Deer Park, Texas
- Vista Chemical Company, for its PVC plant in Aberdeen, Mississippi

VCM and EDC (ethylene dichloride) are feedstocks used to manufacture PVC. PVC, or vinyl, is the world's second largest selling plastic material.

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