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VINYL INDUSTRY RECOGNIZES SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

WAYNE, New Jersey, June 21, 1989 -- A record number of companies have been cited this year for outstanding contributions to improved worker safety and for achievements in the area of environmental performance as they relate to the production of PVC (polyvinyl chloride, or vinyl) by the Vinyl Institute, a national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of vinyl, vinyl chloride monomer and vinyl additives and modifiers. Awards for these achievements are given each year by the Institute at its annual meeting. This year's awards recognize performance during 1988.

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:

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- Borden Chemicals & Plastics, for its VCM plants in Geismar, Louisiana
- CertainTeed Corporation, for its PVC plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Dow Chemical U.S.A., for its Saran copolymers plant in Midland, Michigan and its Oyster Creek VCM plant in Freeport, Texas
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plants in Deer Park, Texas, Pedricktown, New Jersey, and Louisville, Kentucky
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its Burlington North PVC plant in Burlington, New Jersey
- Shintech Polymers, for its PVC plant in Freeport, Texas
- Vista Chemical Company, for its PVC plant in Aberdeen, Mississippi and its VCM plant in Westlake, Louisiana

The Institute's worker safety 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:

- Dow Chemical U.S.A., for its Oyster Creek VCM plant in Freeport, Texas
- Georgia Gulf Corporation, for its PVC plant in Plaquemine, Louisiana
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its VCM plant in Calvert City, Kentucky

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- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its PVC plants in Pasadena, Texas, and Addis, Louisiana
- Shintech Polymers, for its PVC plant in Freeport, Texas

The Vinyl Institute is a division of the Society of the Plastics Industry and is headquartered in Wayne, New Jersey.

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