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VINYL INSTITUTE NAMES TOP SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMERS FOR 1992

WAYNE, New Jersey, June 10, 1993 — Nine companies in the vinyl industry have won top honors for their efforts during 1992 to improve worker safety and protect the environment at their plant sites located throughout the United States. The awards are presented annually by the Vinyl Institute, the national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of vinyl (PVC, or polyvinyl chloride), vinyl feedstocks, additives, and film and sheet products. They are designed to recognize those Institute members that have made the most outstanding contributions to the safe production of vinyl plastics.

Two plants received the Institute's Environmental Excellence awards for six straight years of environmental achievement. They are the VCM-A plant in Geismar, Louisiana, operated by Borden Chemicals and Plastics, and the PVC plant in Deer Park, Texas, operated by the BFGoodrich Company's Geon Vinyl Division (now The Geon Company).

All nine companies won the Institute's yearly environmental achievement award, which 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. This year's winners are:

- ▶ Borden Chemicals & Plastics, for its VCM plant in Geismar, Louisiana
- ▶ CertainTeed Corporation, for its PVC plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- ▶ The Dow Chemical Company, for its NPA plant in Freeport, Texas

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- ▶ Georgia Gulf Corporation, for its PVC plant in Delaware City, Delaware
- ▶ The BFGoodrich Company's Geon Vinyl Division (now, The Geon Company) for its PVC plants in Deer Park, Texas, Louisville, Kentucky, and Pedricktown, New Jersey.
- ▶ Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its PVC-South plant in Burlington, New Jersey
- ▶ PPG Industries, Inc., for its VCM plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- ▶ Shintech Inc., for its PVC plant in Freeport, Texas
- ▶ Vista Chemical Corp., for its PVC plants in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Aberdeen, Mississippi, and its Lake Charles VCM plant in Westlake, Louisiana

Three companies won the Institute's worker safety award, which is based on the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) recordable incidence rate. As defined by OSHA, a recordable incident involves an on-the-job injury or illness resulting in medical treatment. This year's winners are:

- ▶ The Dow Chemical Company, for its NPA plant in Freeport, Texas
- ▶ The BFGoodrich Company's Geon Vinyl Division (now, The Geon Company), for its PVC plants in Deer Park, Texas, and Plaquemine, Louisiana, and its VCM plant in La Porte, Texas
- ▶ Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its VCM plant in Deer Park, Texas

The awards were presented May 25 at the Institute's annual meeting. The Vinyl Institute is a division of The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., and is headquartered in Wayne, New Jersey.

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