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VINYL INSTITUTE NAMES YEAR'S TOP SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMERS

WAYNE, New Jersey, June 5, 1990 -- The vinyl industry's efforts to improve worker safety and protect the environment have resulted in a record number of awards from the Vinyl Industry, the national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of vinyl (PVC, or polyvinyl chloride), vinyl feedstocks, additives, and film and sheet products. Each year, the Institute recognizes those member companies that have made the most outstanding contributions to the safe production of PVC. This year's awards recognize performance during 1989.

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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- Air Products and Chemicals, for its PVC plant in Pace, Florida
- Borden Chemicals & Plastics, for its VCM plants in Geismar, Louisiana and its PVC plant in Geismar
- CertainTeed Corporation, for its PVC plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Dow Chemical U.S.A., its VCM plants in Plaquemine, Louisiana and Freeport, Texas
- Georgia Gulf Corporation, for its VCM plant in Plaquemine, Louisiana
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plants in Avon Lake, Ohio; Deer Park, Texas; Pedricktown, New Jersey; and Louisville, Kentucky
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its Burlington South PVC plant in Burlington, New Jersey and its PVC plant in Pasadena, Texas
- Shintech Inc., for its PVC plant in Freeport, Texas
- Vista Chemical Company, for its PVC plant in Aberdeen, Mississippi

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 EDC plants in Freeport, Texas and Plaquemine, Louisiana

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- Georgia Gulf Corporation, for its VCM plant in Plaquemine,
Louisiana
- The BFGoodrich Company, for its PVC plant in Deer Park, Texas
- Occidental Chemical Corporation, for its PVC plants in
Pasadena, Texas, and Addis, Louisiana

The awards were presented May 11 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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