



On Sunday, April 18th, Dow, one of the world's worst polluters, will sponsor the Live Earth Run for Water, a shameless attempt to cover up the company's role as a major polluter of drinking water and aquatic ecosystems, its failure to take responsibility for its toxic legacy around the world, and its ongoing efforts to undermine environmental protection.

## **We can't let Dow get away with this!**

Join us to protest! Join the Grim Reaper Bloc, the Dow Dead Earth Die-In, or organize an autonomous affinity group action! Be creative! Stand up for health and environmental justice! Expose the run for the PR farce it really is!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 @ 7:00 AM**  
**in Prospect Park, Brooklyn**



Rendezvous outside 15th St-Prospect Park Station (F/G train stop)  
Contact: Aquene (617) 378-2579  
Call if you have trouble finding us!

**PLEASE** try to arrive on time! If you **MUST** arrive late call Aquene to find us or go directly to Prospect Park Southwest at the intersection of Central Drive and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

Sign up for updates and action ideas at <http://snipurl.com/dowkills>  
Questions? Contact us at (718) 880-7979 or email [dowkills@wetlands-preserve.org](mailto:dowkills@wetlands-preserve.org)  
Learn more about the issues at <http://www.bhopal.net/liveearth/>

## **Tell Dow to stop running and start cleaning up!**

# WHAT'S DOW TRYING TO COVER UP?

## Responsibility for Agent Orange

Millions of liters of Agent Orange and other poisonous chemicals were sprayed over Vietnam during the U.S. war. The chemical companies knew then that the defoliant was toxic to humans, yet they refused to take measures to eliminate dioxin in order to protect their profits. From 1961-1971, Dow and Monsanto (and 35 other chemical companies who are also culpable) made billions of dollars by raining death and environmental destruction on Vietnam. Severely disabled children are still being born today due to the long term effects of dioxin and lack of clean up (More info: <http://vn-agentorange.org/>)



## Culpability in the Bhopal Disaster

On the night of 2 December 1984, over 35 tons of toxic gases leaked from a pesticide plant in Bhopal owned by the US-based multinational Union Carbide Corporation (UCC)'s Indian affiliate Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL). In the next 2-3 days more than 7,000 people died and many more were injured. Over the last 21 years at least 15,000 more people have died from illnesses related to gas exposure. Today more than 100,000 people continue to suffer chronic and debilitating illnesses for which treatment is largely ineffective. The transnational corporations involved - UCC and Dow Chemicals (which took over UCC in 2001) - have publicly stated that they have no responsibility for the leak and its consequences or for the pollution from the plant. UCC continues to refuse to appear before the court in Bhopal to face trial and the Indian Supreme Court-endorsed final settlement has left survivors living in penury. (More info at <http://bhopal.net>)



## Dioxin Pollution in Michigan

Dow Chemical Company has been particularly aggressive in denying the toxicity of dioxin. The company's product line, which is heavily reliant on chlorinated chemical production, has resulted in communities contaminated with dioxin. Dow faces major liability for dioxin at its global headquarters in Michigan where the company has contaminated more than 50 miles of a river system that leads to Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes. The company has repeatedly attempted to weaken cleanup standards to reduce the company's liability, while helping to create uncertainty at the federal level. The company has fought the state residential cleanup standard in Michigan, which is 90 ppt, although the federal government recently used 30 ppt for a site in Florida. (More info at <http://trwnews.net>)



## Poisoning Drinking Water and Killing Dolphins in Texas

The Union Carbide (now Dow) Seadrift, Texas plant operates alongside of sensitive wetlands. 5 to 10 million gallons a day of wastewater is dumped into the barge canal that opens into San Antonio Bay. The wastewater treatment system lies open and alongside the barge channel and for many years the county's drinking water ran through Union Carbide/Dow's burning pits, spill areas, and fields contaminated with over 19 constituents (benzene, naphthalene, toluene, etc) some with concentrations as high as 2,300 p.p.m. Plant wide, Union Carbide/Dow had over 50 areas contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen linked to leukemia. The pollution has contributed to the largest dolphin die-offs in the Mammal Stranding Network's history, with more than 200 dying in months. The area bays have also witnessed green, brown, and red tides that kill the fish and are at times toxic to humans. (More info at <http://snipurl.com/dowdolphins>)



**Join us on April 18th to demand that Dow fund cleanups of the areas they've polluted, stop trying to cover up the harmful effects of dioxin, and pay reparations and fund medical care for the people whose health they've harmed!**

**Sponsored by Center for Health, Environment & Justice; International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal; Wetlands Activism Collective/Global Justice for Animals and the Environment; Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign; and The Yes Men!**