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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 24, 2003

## THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1-3433

(Commission file number)

38-1285128

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

#### 2030 DOW CENTER, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN 48674

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 989-636-1000

#### Not applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

#### Item 5. Other Events.

The Dow Chemical Company issued a press release on April 24, 2003, announcing results for the first quarter of 2003.

#### Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release issued by The Dow Chemical Company on April 24, 2003, announcing results for the first quarter of 2003.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

Registrant

Date: April 24, 2003

/s/ FRANK H. BROD

Frank H. Brod Vice President and Controller

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