

**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 13,  
2006

**THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|                 |                  |                     |
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| Delaware        | 1-3433           | 38-1285128          |
| (State or other | (Commission File | (IRS Employer       |
| jurisdiction of | Number)          | Identification No.) |
| incorporation)  |                  |                     |

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 or former address, if changed since last report.)

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

(a) On April 13, 2006, the Board of Directors of The Dow Chemical Company (the "Company") amended Section IV of the Company's Bylaws, effective May 11, 2006. The amendment involved several changes to the Committees of the Board: (1) Identified actions by the Executive Committee will require specific authorization by the Board; (2) the name of the Committee on Directors and Governance will be changed to Governance Committee; (3) The Finance Committee will be eliminated; and (4) the Environment, Health and Safety Committee will be combined with the Public Interest Committee.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Amended Section IV of the Bylaws<br>of The Dow Chemical Company |

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Dated: April 20, 2006 THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

By: /S/ CHARLES J. KALIL  
Name: Charles J. Kalil  
Title: Corporate Vice President

General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary