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**The Dow Chemical Company Hosts Annual Site Emergency Drill
*Dow Partners with Contra Costa County Emergency Services for Exercise***

PITTSBURG, CA – (November 11, 2013) – Dow Pittsburg Operations hosted its yearly CAER (Community Awareness & Emergency Response) Drill yesterday morning from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Over 400 participants, including 75 emergency responders, engaged in a staged scenario to test the ability of employees, critical personnel, and public emergency services to mobilize, communicate, and coordinate for a crisis situation as safely and effectively as possible. The simulation also evaluated the dissemination of information to the public by engaging community volunteers to call in to a phone bank in multiple languages as local residents or interview public information officers as mock media representatives. Community members also participated as observers, providing feedback to Dow from a civilian perspective. These frequent tests and the scrutinizing of their outcomes guarantees both Dow and county agencies are vigorously trained and prepared to address any possible incidents that might threaten the health and safety of employees or the public.

The drill addressed a scenario involving a large release of potentially hazardous materials, resulting in the simulated injury of two employees. The objective was to test the ability of responders to rescue the volunteers acting as injured victims, test decontamination and medical transportation methods, and both monitor and mitigate the potential impact of the hypothetical

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leak. The following local agencies participated in the drill: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Contra Costa County Health Services Department – Hazardous Materials Division, Pittsburg Police, Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff – Emergency Services Division, American Medical Response (AMR), and California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CalSTAR). The California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife collaborated with Dow in planning the event.

The CAER Drill has been conducted annually since 1987 with the purpose of fostering working relationships between Dow and local emergency response agencies to successfully respond to emergencies not only at Dow but throughout the community. Dow has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the strictest safety practices and voluntary regulation, earning it Cal/OSHA VPP Star Certification this year.

“This year’s drill was an overall success due in part to the many agencies and responders efforts to plan, prepare and practice together with Dow prior to the day of the drill,” said Scott Etzel, the CAER Drill coordinator. “The coordinated response to the drill scenario would not have been possible without this commitment from everyone involved.”

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