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Stockholder Proposal Addresses Dow Chemical's Products' Links to Asthma

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Summary

Shareholders will vote May 11 on a proxy proposal (filed by Trillium Asset Management) that calls upon Dow Chemical's Board of Directors to produce a report "analyzing the extent to which Dow products may cause or exacerbate asthma, and describing public policy initiatives, and Dow policies and activities, to phase out or restrict materials linked with such effects."

The proposal draws upon studies showing that pesticides are both a trigger and root cause of asthma, particularly in children. Common Dow pesticide products with ingredients linked to respiratory problems include: FulTime, Dursban, Glyphomax, Tordon, Telone, Starane, Dithane, Widematch and others.

In addition to its retail and wholesale pesticide products, Dow produces many active ingredients in pesticides ultimately sold by other companies. For example, Dow is the sole US producer of 2,4-D, and one of the world's largest producers of chlorpyrifos, both of which are linked to asthma.

Data from CDC's 2005 *National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals* found 76% of Americans have chlorpyrifos metabolites in their bodies. Additionally, more than 25% of Americans have 2,4-D in their bodies, with highest concentrations also found in children ages 6-11. Proponents believe that CDC's data may aid in correlation of exposures to disease, which could in turn increase legal liabilities for Dow.

For further information, see <http://proxyinformation.com/toxics/dowasthmaproxy.html>.