**Dow Chemical response to Public Eye Award nomination re access to remedy for victims of the Bhopal disaster.**

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We invited Dow Chemical to respond to the following materials:

* Public Eye Award 2015 website with list of nominees: <http://publiceye.ch/>
* Dow Chemical’s section on Public Eye Awards: <http://publiceye.ch/case/dow-chemical/>
* “Press release: Public Eye Lifetime Award and The Yes Men Mark Farewell from Davos”, 19 Nov 2014, Berne Declaration & Greenpeace, <http://publiceye.ch/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/141119_MM_Peye15_Launch_EN.pdf>

Dow Chemical sent us the following response:

Your inquiry was forwarded to me and my response is below.  I would encourage you to look at Union Carbide Corporation’s web site on the Bhopal tragedy as there has been much forgotten or rewritten and recast about this tragedy.  UCC remains a separate company and the link to UCC’s site is <http://www.bhopal.com/>

Dow’s Position:

The 1984 gas release from the plant in Bhopal, India was a terrible tragedy.  While we should never forget this tragic event, let’s also not forget the facts or rewrite history.  The facts are that Dow was never in Bhopal nor is there any assumed liability as misrepresented by some groups.  It is important to note that Dow never owned or operated the plant.  Dow acquired the shares of Union Carbide Corporation more than 16 years after the tragedy, and 10 years after the $470 million settlement agreement - paid by Union Carbide Corporation and Union Carbide India, Limited - was approved after review by the Indian Supreme Court in 1991.

As Dow never owned or operated the Bhopal facility, any efforts to directly involve Dow in legal proceedings in India concerning the 1984 Bhopal tragedy are inappropriate, misguided and without merit.

For further information please see the attached link:

<http://www.dow.com/sustainability/issues/bhopal/>