

US Olympic Committee, Don't Forget Bhopal Tragedy!

Dow Chemical is providing the high-profile stadium wrap for the 2012 London Olympics despite having failed to address concerns about the world's worst industrial disaster, the 1984 gas leak in Bhopal, India

To the US Olympic Committee,

As you may know, the lives of tens of thousands of people in Bhopal, India were devastated in December 1984 by a catastrophic gas leak at Union Carbide's pesticide factory. Since the world's worst industrial disaster, over 25,000 people have died, and over 100,000 continue to deal with serious health problems. There has been no justice in Indian or US courts for victims, no proper rehabilitation for the many survivors struggling with medical problems, and no adequate compensation for those whose lives were changed forever by the leak. Sadly, this human rights disaster now spans generations.

Dow Chemical now owns Union Carbide. Inexplicably, Dow refuses to do anything to decontaminate the toxic site, to cooperate with the Indian courts, or to adequately compensate victims and survivors and their families. Dow's high-profile stadium wrap for the upcoming 2012 London Olympics is an offense to the victims of the Bhopal gas disaster and to everyone who values human rights and corporate accountability. I ask that the US Olympic Committee raise the issue of Dow's failure to address the long-standing environmental and human rights concerns about the Bhopal gas disaster in the Association of National Olympic Committees Executive Council Meeting on 6 December in Switzerland.

Further, I understand that the Olympic Committee's own Sustainable Sourcing Code is intended to ensure that companies involved with the Olympics behave in a manner that is ethical, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible. I ask that changes to this code be considered that include an explicit attention to human rights concerns. I request that Amnesty International and other groups be given the opportunity to convey to the Olympic Committee their concerns about Dow's response to the Bhopal tragedy, and that the LOCOG prioritize the outstanding needs of survivors of the tragedy. The LOCOG should publicly acknowledge that short-comings in its sourcing code led to on-going human rights concerns about Bhopal being ignored, and that there are outstanding claims against Dow for redress and

justice for the survivors of the Bhopal disaster.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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