

Dow Chemicals retiree gets jail for selling secrets

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A former Dow Chemical scientist has been sentenced to five years in prison for selling trade secrets to Chinese companies, the U.S. Justice Department announced Friday.

Wen Chyu Liu, also known as David Liou, was convicted Feb. 7 of stealing and selling secrets about Dow's Tyrin chlorinated polyethylene (CPE) process, which is used to manufacture automotive and industrial hoses, electrical cable jackets and vinyl siding.

He also was convicted of perjury

for lying to cover up his involvement in a conspiracy that included at least four of his co-workers. He was sentenced on Thursday in Louisiana.

In addition to the prison sentence, Liu, 75, must forfeit \$600,000 and pay a \$25,000 fine.

Liu came to the United States from China as a graduate university student. He started working as a research scientist for Dow Chemical in 1965 and retired in 1992.

Prosecutors said he travelled extensively throughout China to market the stolen information. He also was accused of paying current and former Dow employees for material and information about the chemicals.