

NOVA CHEMICALS CORP /NEW  
Form 6-K  
April 23, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**  
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report: April 23, 2003

**NOVA Chemicals Corporation**  
645, Seventh Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 4G8  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Commission File Number: 1-13064

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes

No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-N/A .

A copy of the Registrant s:

- (a) interim financial statements for the first quarter, three months ended March 31, 2003;
- (b) auditors comfort letter related to the interim financial statements;
- (c) updated detailed interest and asset coverage calculations related to the interim financial statements;
- (d) certification of principal executive officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350; and
- (e) certification of principal financial officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350

are furnished herewith and are incorporated by reference into the following Registration Statements:

Registration Statement on Form S-8 #33-47673  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-520  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-9076  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-9078  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #33-86218  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #33-77308  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-4740  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-11280  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-12910  
Registration Statement on Form S-8 #333-101793  
Registration Statement on Form F-9 #333-13824

### Controls and Procedures

- (a) *Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.* Our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-14(c) and 15-d-14(c)) as of a date (the Evaluation Date) within 90 days before the filing date of this quarterly report, have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and designed to ensure that material information relating to us and our consolidated subsidiaries would be made known to them by others within those entities.
- (b) *Changes in internal controls.* There were no significant changes in our internal controls or to our knowledge, in other factors that could significantly affect our disclosure controls and procedures subsequent to the Evaluation Date.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**NOVA Chemicals Corporation**

/s/ Susan Wright

Susan Wright  
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: April 23, 2003

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I, Jeffrey M. Lipton, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 6-K of NOVA Chemicals Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date); and

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c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: April 23, 2003

/s/ Jeffrey M. Lipton  
Jeffrey M. Lipton  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

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I, Larry A. MacDonald, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 6-K of NOVA Chemicals Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:

a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;

b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date); and

c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

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a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: April 23, 2003

/s/ Larry A. MacDonald  
Larry A. MacDonald  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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***EXHIBITS***

Attached hereto are:

- (a) the interim financial statements of NOVA Chemicals Corporation for the first quarter, three months ended March 31, 2003;
  - (b) auditors' comfort letter;
  - (c) updated detailed interest and asset coverage calculations related to the interim financial statements;
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