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## THERMO FISHER CLOSES DUBUQUE FACILITY; CREATES 350 LAYOFFS



Life sciences supply company Thermo Fisher sent out a press release to local media Tuesday afternoon announcing the closure of its Dubuque facility, taking a total of 350 jobs with it. The layoffs will begin in January 2010 and the plant will come to a final close September 2010. The release cited a number of reasons for the closure. According to the press release, "The decision affecting Dubuque was made only after internal strategic review, and is the result of a number of business factors, including review of current and projected customer needs, and the capacity of existing Thermo Fisher manufacturing facilities. It is not a reflection on the quality or efficiency of the work performed by the employees in Dubuque."

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