

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY CUTS 91 JOBS IN NY

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It looks like more job losses are coming to the workers of The Eastman Kodak company, and this time almost 100 workers are being given the boot as the company stops making a line of products. The products in question are digital cameras for computers, the kind that you might find in your local department store or discount retailer. The layoffs, which will happen primarily in the state of New York, will impact 91 of the workers from a variety of facilities. The bulk of the job losses will come from the Manitou Road facility, with eight cuts from the Eastman Park facility, 11 at the Kodak office on State Street and only two from the Kodak Research Labs on Lake Avenue. Of course, these are not the first signs of trouble that have been shown by the company. The company recently filed for bankruptcy and some other layoffs were announced recently. Some of you may recall our earlier coverage of the layoff of 66 workers from a Kodak facility in the state of Ohio, but for those of you who missed it here is **an excerpt**: "Eastman Kodak Co. has informed the Ohio government that it will lay off 66 employees by April 19. A letter dated Monday and carrying the information was sent to Ohio's Department of Job & Family Services. The letter indicated that the layoffs would be permanent and would be followed with more layoffs later. The letter, issued by Marva Cosby, the human resources director of the digital printing solutions division of Kodak mentioned, "*Over the next few weeks, smaller layoffs are expected from other departments in Dayton, and we will keep you (the government) updated as they occur.*" The immediate layoffs include three engineering designers, four mechanical engineers and five manufacturing technicians among others. In January, Kodak, which is one of the most respected American brands, initiated the process of Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to save itself from creditors. Earlier this month, a Kodak spokesperson told Dayton Daily News that at least 80 out of its 500 employees in Kettering were going to lose jobs. That amounts to about 16% of Kodak's workforce in Dayton, and the first wave of job cuts following the company filing for bankruptcy protection." So, who knows what the fate of the Eastman Kodak company will be when all is said and done. These layoffs will most likely not be the last round of job cuts for this company. After all is said and done there may be many more job cuts, and several analysts are predicting cuts may get worse. The layoffs go into effect today and, despite an official announcement three weeks ago, the workers will spend the next couple of days finding out who is going to be out of a job and who is going to stay with the company. Though, some workers in the camera division may have a pretty clear idea of their future job status. No word has been given on severance or benefits at this time.

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