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Bayer to Invest in St. Joseph Operations

(AP) - Bayer HealthCare plans to invest about \$10 million to improve efficiency at its St. Joseph, Missouri and Shawnee, Kan., facilities.

The company announced Monday that it will combine and transfer operations from its three locations in the St. Joseph area to one location. Bayer also will transfer its regulatory and development work to its U.S. headquarters in Shawnee, Kan.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports about \$6.5 million will be spent in St. Joseph and \$3.5 million in Shawnee, Kan.

Company spokeswoman Lauren Dorsch says the changes are expected to be finished by next year. The company says it's too soon to determine how the changes would affect employees.

Bayer took over the St. Joseph facilities in January 2013 after it acquired the U.S.-based animal health business of Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries