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CITY: St. Louis

CHARLIE BROWN: "Monsanto officials say they'll have all the benzine from a now defunct holding tank at the company's Sauget plant loaded onto a barge by tomorrow. Plant manager Bill Boyle says the roof of the tank holding about 750,000 gallons of benzine partially collapsed yesterday morning sending vapors into the atmosphere. Boyle says the company immediately sprayed the tank with foam to hold down the escaping vapors and he says at no time did the fumes present a danger to the nearby community.

"Illinois Environmental Protection Agency officials are still on the site monitoring the benzine transfer. IEPA spokeswoman Kristy Northrup says air monitoring for benzine also continues.

"Benzine vapors can be irritating to the eyes, nose and throat. If inhaled it can cause headaches, difficult breathing or loss of consciousness."

NOTE: Similar story aired on 4:06 and 6:09 p.m. newscasts.

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