

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 15-15D  
June 26, 2003

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 15**

Certification and Notice of Termination of Registration under Section  
12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Suspension of Duty to File  
Reports Under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number 333-63518

Merchants Bancorp, Inc. Thrift Plan

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Fifth Third Center

Cincinnati, Ohio 45263

(513) 534-5300

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Plan Interests in Merchants Bancorp, Inc. Thrift Plan

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

None

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(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i)	..	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	..
Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii)	..	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i)	..
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i)	..	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(ii)	..
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii)	..	Rule 15d-6	..
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)	x		

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: None.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees have caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC. THRIFT PLAN

By: Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking  
corporation, Trustee

Dated: June 26, 2003

By: /s/ MARCIA KAMP  
Name: Marcia Kamp

Title: Assistant Vice President