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The Kansas Department of Environment has received a revised permit application from Sunflower Electric for construction of an 895 megawatt coal-fired electrical generating unit in Holcomb.

Staff in KDHE's Bureau of Air is currently reviewing the permit application materials to ensure that they meet Kansas air quality requirements. This review will likely take anywhere from three to six months, depending on any additional information submitted by Sunflower Electric. A review period of this length or longer is typical for the permitting process.

During this time, KDHE staff, along with Sunflower Electric, will also be coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency, to address any federal requirements.

Upon completion of a thorough review, the permit will be drafted and made available for public comment through a series of public hearings and solicitation of written comments. More information on the public comment process will be forthcoming.

After the public comment period, KDHE will address any concerns and make revisions as necessary to prepare the permit for final issuance.