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KDHE Issues Sunflower Electric Air Quality Permit

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced today that it has issued the air quality permit for the proposed 895 MW Coal-Fired Steam Generating Unit at the Sunflower Electric Power Corporation near Holcomb.

“After careful review of the permit application, public comments and applicable laws, I have decided to approve the application for an air quality permit,” said John W. Mitchell, KDHE Acting Secretary. “The Sunflower proposed expansion project meets all current state and federal requirements for issuing the permit.”

The Sunflower application was submitted January 13 and deemed complete June 30. An initial public comment period was held July 1-August 15. A second comment period was held September 23-October 23 to allow for changes that needed to be made to the modeling data. Throughout the process, staff has been working on a Responsiveness Summary, reviewing comments received, making modifications to the permit and providing responses to the comments.

“KDHE is committed to a fair and accurate process. Our staff has diligently and thoroughly reviewed this application and all public comments received. We have also worked with EPA and Sunflower throughout the entire process to ensure all requirements are met. I am confident that we have the best permit possible for Kansas,” said Acting Secretary Mitchell.

To review a copy of the Sunflower permit and Responsiveness Summary, visit www.kdheks.gov.

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