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KDHE Gets More Public Input On Holcomb Plant

Several hundred people turned out to both oppose and support a permit for a proposed coal-fired electricity plant in southwest Kansas.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment held a public hearing Monday in Overland Park to gather public comment about a proposal from Sunflower Electric Power Corp. to build a \$3 billion coal-fired plant in Holcomb.

Supporters of the plant said it would be an economic boost to the area and provide needed jobs. Opponents said coal-fired plants cause too much pollution, and the state should be pursuing alternative energy projects.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that similar hearings are scheduled Wednesday in Salina and Thursday in Garden City. A fourth meeting is possible, but a date hasn't been set.

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