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Coal-Fired Plant Fight Continues Environmentalists are asking federal

officials to step in and slow the push in Kansas to grant an air-quality permit to a new coal-fired power plant.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment hopes to decide whether to issue the permit to Sunflower Electric Power Corp. by the end of the year. That would allow the plant to avoid new federal rules on greenhouse gas emissions.

The Sierra Club contends it's not enough time for KDHE to fully consider comments it will receive about the \$2.8 billion project through late October.

Attorneys for the Sierra Club sent a letter late Monday to the Environmental Protection Agency's regional administrator, asking him to intervene.

A spokeswoman for Hays-based Sunflower says the company is not surprised.

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