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FINAL TESTING SET

The Illinois Capital Development Board is overseeing what the University hopes to be the final testing of the coal conversion project. The start up is scheduled to begin Monday (November 16) with a six-month continuous operation. The purpose of this test is to establish long range operating parameters for the plant and to uncover any unforeseen operational difficulties.

There may be some darker discharge from the brick chimney caused by fly ash at the initial start up which could last up to four hours; however, white billowy smoke, comprised primarily of water vapor condensation, will be seen rising from the taller gray chimney during normal operation.

The University is operating the facility in compliance with the Illinois EPA standards.