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CHARLESTON, IL--Gov. James R. Thompson will participate in the opening ceremony for Eastern Illinois University's new coal conversion facility on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The program is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the site between the Student Services Building and the heat plant.

Also on the Governor's agenda is a visit to the Lake Charleston coffer dam construction site.

Dr. Stanley Rives, Eastern's president, will extend an official welcome at the Eastern ceremony open to the general public. Gary J. Skoien, Executive Director of the Capital Development Board, will be master of ceremonies.

In addition to Thompson's address, other speakers will be Dr. Thomas Layzell, Chancellor, Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities; Brad Evilsizer, Director, Department of Mines and Minerals; and Robert Mallot, Chief Executive Officer of the FMC Corp.

Other special guests will include Mrs. Nancy Froelich, Chairman, Board of Governors; George B. Peters, Chairman, Capital Development Board; Dr. Robert Mandeville, Director, Illinois Bureau of the Budget; William B. Browden, Chairman, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Richard D. Wagner, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education; several members of the BOG and area members of the Illinois General Assembly.

A symbolic coal-shoveling ceremony will be held and a short tour of the facility will be conducted. A reception at the site is planned. In case of rain, the program will be moved to the Grand Ballroom, University Union.

Thompson initiated the project in 1980 when he placed Eastern on a list of public institutions which would return to coal as a steam-generating source. Basic components are the reactivation of three coal fired boilers and modification of two existing fast-fired boilers to burn both oil and gas.