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Gardner celebrates 30 years of service at KDOT

Rick Gardner, Engineering Technician Senior at the Materials and Research Center in Topeka, has achieved a career milestone and is celebrating 30 years of valued service to the State of Kansas.

In 1990, Gardner began at the Kansas Department of Transportation as an Equipment Operator I and worked his way up to Highway Maintenance Supervisor. In 2008, he moved to KDOT's Materials and Research Center in the Materials Test Unit for Aggregates and Concrete sections.

Gardner accepts materials samples, determines where samples need to be sent and which tests need to be performed, enters data into the tracking system and processes all incoming and outgoing shipping and mail.

In 2007, Gardner received the George C. Askew award by the National Consortium of Certified Public Managers.

Gardner and his wife, Dena, have one son and two daughters. They reside in Osage City.

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