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KDOT employee celebrates 30-year milestone

Doug Sevart, Engineering Technician Specialist with Chanute Materials, has achieved a milestone and is celebrating 30 years of valued service to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) this October.

Sevart's first job at KDOT was during the mid-1970s, when he briefly worked in the shop at the Chanute office complex. He then spent 13 years with the BNSF Railway, returning to KDOT in October 1990. Sevart has worked at the Kansas City Metro Materials and Independence Area offices, transferring to the Chanute Materials group in 1991.

As ET Specialist, Sevart supervises the six-person Materials staff. "We're responsible for assurance sampling on construction projects," he said. The majority of KDOT projects use federal funds and must meet specific guidelines. Sevart and his co-workers carry out diverse tasks, which include creating asphalt mix designs, conducting soil surveys and taking core samples of pavement.

"What I really like about Materials is I can get out and about in the whole district and really see what is going on," Sevart said. The KDOT Southeast District covers 17 counties. Sevart also travels to quarries and sand plants in Oklahoma and runs samples to Topeka as part of his job.

He and his wife Chris live in rural Buffalo. The couple has three children and six grandchildren.

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