

**COVER SHEET
SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIS
FOR THE KEYSTONE XL PROJECT**

April 22, 2011

Subject: Keystone XL Project – Supplemental Draft EIS

The U.S. Department of State (DOS) has issued for public review and comment the supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) for the Keystone XL Project (the Project). DOS is the lead federal agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Cooperating agencies include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the U.S. Department of Agriculture –Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and Rural Utilities Service; the U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration; the U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

The proposed action is to construct and operate a crude oil pipeline and related facilities at the international border and continuing into the United States to transport Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin (WCSB) crude oil and other crude oils to a proposed tank farm in Cushing, Oklahoma, and to delivery points in the Port Arthur and east Houston areas of Texas. The proposed pipeline would traverse Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, with localized facilities constructed on an existing segment of pipeline in Kansas.

DOS issued a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for public review on April 16, 2010. After the draft EIS was issued, additional information became available related to the proposed Project and its potential environmental impacts. To provide the public with the opportunity to review this information and to ensure openness and transparency in the NEPA environmental review process of the proposed Project, DOS has issued an SDEIS.

DOS invites interested parties to comment on the SDEIS during the 45-day comment period, which will end on June 6, 2011. DOS requests that comments be limited to the subject matter addressed in the SDEIS. Commenters do not need to resubmit their earlier comments on the draft EIS. DOS will consider all comments received during the comment period in preparation of the final EIS. Comments postmarked after the close of the comment period will be considered to the extent practicable. DOS prefers that comments be submitted to website: <http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov> - Click on the “How To Get Involved” link on the left side of the webpage. Comments may also be submitted via email: keystonexl@cardno.com; by mail: Keystone XL EIS Project, P.O. Box 96503-98500, Washington, D.C. 20090-6503; or by fax: 206-269-0098.

The SDEIS is available at public libraries in the vicinity of the proposed route and is available for download on the project website: www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov. For further information on the Keystone XL Project EIS please contact Alexander Yuan using the contact information provided below.

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