

**COVER SHEET**  
**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**for the**  
**KEYSTONE XL PROJECT**

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**Subject: Final EIS for the Keystone XL Project**

The U.S. Department of State (DOS) has issued a final environmental impact statement (final EIS) for the Keystone XL Project (the Project) for public review and comment. 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 – Office of Policy and International Affairs and 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 of the United States and Canada 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 EIS for public review on April 16, 2010 and a supplemental draft EIS on April 15, 2011. The final EIS was prepared and circulated consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality and DOS regulations for implementing NEPA. The final EIS includes responses to substantive comments on the draft and supplemental draft EISs and revisions to the EIS based on comments and additional information received. It describes the proposed Project and alternatives to the proposed Project, the potential impacts of construction and normal operation of the proposed Project and alternatives, cumulative impacts, the agency-preferred alternative, and issues related to potential spills from the proposed Project.

The final EIS is available for download from the DOS Keystone XL Project-related website ([www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov](http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov)). Paper copies of final EIS are available at public libraries along the proposed route and include maps and figures.

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