

# **Keystone XL**

## **Strengthened National Security, Stable Energy Supply, and Economic Growth**

**Background:** TransCanada is a Canadian based company that builds and operates energy infrastructure across North America. As part of its Keystone Pipeline System, TransCanada has proposed construction of a pipeline – Keystone XL – that would transport crude oil from the Canadian oil sands to domestic refineries in Texas. The pipeline will begin in Hardisty, Alberta and end in the Houston area. TransCanada has an excellent reputation for pipeline safety and for its commitment to landowners.

**Benefits:** Although the Keystone XL pipeline will only go through six states – Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas – its benefits extend across the country. Keystone XL will:

- Strengthen our national security by reducing our reliance on oil from volatile and politically unstable regions of the world;
- Provide a stable and long-term energy supply to the US, improving our energy security and reducing costs for consumers; and
- Create jobs in the United States and grow the economy.

**Public Comment:** Because the pipeline crosses an international border, the project must be approved by the Department of State. The DOS originally issued a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for public review on April 16, 2010. However, a number of additional environmental concerns were raised after the draft was issued. Earlier this year, DOS announced it would issue a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) to address these concerns. On April 15, 2011, DOS released its SDEIS on Keystone XL. This release has triggered a 45 day public comment period, beginning on April 22, 2011 and ending June 6, 2011. Public comment can be submitted to DOS using any of the following methods:

- DOS Keystone XL Project website: <http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>
- Email: [keystonexl@cardno.com](mailto:keystonexl@cardno.com)
- Mail: Keystone XL EIS Project, P.O. Box 96503-98500, Washington, D.C. 20090-6503
- Fax: 206-269-0098

### **At A Glance:**

- Keystone XL is a TransCanada pipeline project that will connect Canadian oil sands in Hardisty, Alberta to refineries in Port Arthur and Nederland, Texas. It is part of the Keystone Pipeline System.
- The pipeline will travel through six states: Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

- Because this is an international project, TransCanada must get approval (Presidential Permit) from the Department of State.
- Upon completion of Keystone XL, the pipeline system will transport 900,000 barrels of oil per day into the United States. This is roughly equivalent to our nation's oil imports from countries like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, with 912,000 barrels per day and 1.08 million barrels per day, respectively.
- An independent economic study finds Keystone XL should provide significant, positive contributions to U.S. energy security and the U.S. economy valued at over \$20 billion.
- The states along the pipeline route are expected to receive an additional \$5.2 billion in property taxes during the estimated operating life of the pipeline.
- Keystone XL will generate more than \$585 million in state and local taxes in the states along the pipeline route during construction.
- The \$7 billion pipeline project is expected to directly create more than 20,000 high-wage manufacturing and construction jobs across the U.S., stimulating significant additional economic activity.