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SUBJECT: Keystone XL Pipeline

On November 10, 2011, the Department of State announced its decision that pursuant to E.O. 13337, which authorizes the Department of State to review Presidential Permit applications for transborder pipelines, it would seek additional information needed to evaluate TransCanada Keystone LP's application for the Keystone XL pipeline. Given the important role of other agencies in the National Interest Determination, the Department wants to ensure that all agencies also benefit from the additional information. To do so, the Department is putting on hold the time period for other agencies to provide formal views consistent with E.O. 13337 and thus is no longer seeking written submissions by November 25, 2011.

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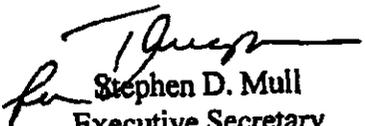
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The Department is requesting additional information, as provided in E.O. 13337 1(f), regarding one or more alternative routes within Nebraska that would avoid the Sand Hills topographical area. Potential alternative routes will be evaluated consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). After this process concludes, the Department will reinstate the period for obtaining agency views under E.O. 13337.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.


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