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SUBJECT: Keystone XL Pipeline.

On June 16, 2010, the Department of State formally notified your agency of its receipt of an application under E.O. 13337, as amended, from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP to construct, connect, operate, and maintain the Keystone XL pipeline at the U.S.-Canadian border at Phillips County, Montana. In that

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notification, among other matters, we requested that you provide us your agency's views on whether issuance of a permit for this facility is in the national interest by September 15, 2010, which was 90 days from the date of our notification, as required by E.O. 13337. In response, a number of agencies (including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy) indicated that they would need a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed pipeline before they would be prepared to provide their views. On July 21, 2010, we held an interagency meeting at the State Department to discuss this issue, among others. At that time, it was agreed by the interagency attendees that agency views to the Department of State on this application would be due 90 days from issuance of the Final EIS.

The purpose of this ExecSec to ExecSec memo is to inform you that the Final EIS is being issued by the Department today. A CD of the Final EIS is included. In accord with E.O. 13337, therefore, the Department expects to receive your agency's views on the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP application by Friday, November 25, 2011. Earlier responses, of course, will be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.



Stephen D. Mull  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Final Environmental Impact Statement (in CD form)

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