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MEDIA NOTE

State Department Releases Keystone XL Pipeline
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Department of State posted the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline on April 15. The Supplemental is available on the State Department's website: <http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>.

Keystone XL is a proposed 1700-mile oil pipeline from the U.S.-Canadian border in Montana, through Cushing, Oklahoma, to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

A Federal Register Notice will be issued on April 22, marking the opening of a 45-day public comment period and providing details about how to file a comment.

Once the Department of State issues a Final EIS, interested federal agencies, such as the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, will have 90 days to provide their opinion on whether issuance of a Presidential Permit would be in the national interest.

The U.S. Department of State expects to make a decision on whether to grant or deny the permit before the end of 2011.