



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Fortenberry:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 2010 requesting that the State Department produce a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Keystone XL pipeline project. We recognize that it is in the national interest that a thorough environmental review, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), be carried out to fully address the pipeline's potential impacts on the environment and on public safety.

Currently, we are reviewing public comments on the Draft EIS for the project. Once that process is completed, we will determine how to proceed with the EIS, consistent with the NEPA. To ensure proper consideration of your concerns, your letter will be included in the administrative record on the permit application.

We appreciate the time you have taken to express your views and, as we continue our review of the Keystone XL pipeline, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding this or any other issue of importance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard R. Verma".

Richard R. Verma  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable  
Jeff Fortenberry,  
House of Representatives.