

Keystone XL Pipeline Eminent Domain Concerns

- TransCanada is a foreign company wanting to pump foreign tar sands oil substance, through pipes manufactured by another foreign company: India. TransCanada does not represent Texas and does not care about Texas' needs and interests. ¹
- The United States State Department, led by Hillary Clinton is responsible for issuing a presidential permit to authorize this tar sands pipeline. TransCanada's lobbyist served as national deputy director of now Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. There is a clear conflict of interest at hand. ²
- TransCanada has been given common carrier status by the Texas Railroad Commission and as a result is able to enforce eminent domain on landowners who do not want tar sands running through their property. ³ Many landowners feel threatened by TransCanada's practices and the tar sands they want to pump through the line. ⁴
- What's worse is that TransCanada is threatening the power of eminent domain and harassing landowners before the company has received full approval for the pipeline! Many permits are still needed, yet the company's deceptive tactics persist.
- Americans need to move away from reliance on foreign fuels. This is a step in the wrong direction.
- "...23,768 acres of land would be disturbed during the construction of the proposed [pipeline]" ⁵
- Canadian government officials are in talks to expand tar sands trade with middle-eastern countries. ⁶
- Concern exists for the fact that China is interested in tar sands oil for this pipeline, as it was originally slated to trek through Canada before Canadian citizens decided they wanted none of it. ⁷
- Landowners are being lied to; They're being told they're signing regular pipeline agreements. This is no regular pipeline; the substance it would contain is NOT your grandmother's crude. This pipeline would push thick, corrosive, abrasive, acidic tar sands through at a high pressure with thin walls on either side. ⁸
- If you or anyone you know has been threatened by TransCanada, or you want to know your options for keeping this pipeline out of your backyard, give us a call at 409.550.7961.

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