

# Impact statement on US oil pipeline due in August

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The 1,700 mile (2,700 kilometer) pipeline proposed by TransCanada, the Keystone XL, would begin in Alberta in western Canada and pass through the US states of Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma before ending up in Texas at the [Gulf of Mexico](#).

A Republican-dominated Congressional committee voted on Wednesday

for a resolution urging Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#) to "immediately approve" the project, which would guarantee oil access for the US.

But a number of environmental and citizen groups have launched a fight against the pipeline because of the oil's origin: the unconventional oil sands of Alberta require energy that produces a large volume of greenhouse gasses.

After the environmental impact statement is released, federal agencies will have 90 days to conduct a review of the document, with a final decision scheduled for the end of the year.

The State Department will also hold public meetings in each of the six states through which the [pipeline](#) would pass.

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