

# KEYSTONE XL SCANDAL

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## TRANSCANADA, A BIASED REPORT & A STATE DEPARTMENT COVER-UP

The contractor hired to write the State Department's environmental impact statement for the Keystone XL pipeline lied about their work for TransCanada & other oil companies that will benefit if the pipeline is approved

### A Big Oil contractor...

**TransCanada helped pick** London-based Environmental Resources Management (ERM) as the firm to write the environmental impact statement.



ERM is a dues-paying member of the **American Petroleum Institute**, which has spent millions lobbying for approval of Keystone XL.

Public records show that **ERM has been working for TransCanada** on the Alaska Pipeline Project as well for over a dozen oil companies with a stake in the Canadian tar sands including Exxon, Chevron, Shell & BP.



### ...lied to get the job...

ERM lied on their official **conflict of interest disclosure forms** when they said they had not been working for TransCanada or other firms that would benefit if Keystone XL is built.

ERM lied about their work for TransCanada and other oil companies. **How can we believe anything in their report?**

An employee tried to **cover up** ERM's work for TransCanada by scrubbing his LinkedIn profile.

### ...wrote a biased report...

ERM's report **glosses over** the risk of catastrophic oil spills and the health impacts on communities near refineries on the Gulf Coast. It also **ignores the climate impacts** of the pipeline: Keystone XL will facilitate a rapid exploitation of the Canadian tar sands, leading to massive amounts of carbon pollution.

The **Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department, climate scientists and environmental organizations** have all criticized the ERM report. Republicans in Congress, TransCanada, and the oil industry have all lavished praise on it.

### ... & the State Department covered it up.



The State Department **violated its own rules** by not verifying whether ERM filled out their conflict of interest disclosure forms truthfully.

State Department officials tried to **cover up** ties between ERM & TransCanada by redacting parts of ERM's contract.

The State Department's environmental review of Keystone XL is hopelessly tainted. But President Obama already has more than enough evidence to kill the pipeline now!

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