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## **No Debate: State Department Environmental Analysis Confirms Safety of Keystone XL Pipeline**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The following statement was released today by Sean McGarvey, President of North America's Building Trades Unions, upon the release today by the U.S. Department of State of the Keystone XL pipeline Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

"Any discussion of the Keystone XL pipeline project should center on the fact that it will be constructed by the safest, most highly skilled workforce in the world; in accordance with the strictest environmental and safety standards; and subject to a Project Labor Agreement that will ensure family-sustaining wage and benefit standards.

"For the 12% of the American building and construction workforce that continues to be unemployed, the last five years have not been a recession, they have constituted a *depression*. That is why our unions have pursued the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, and the thousands of jobs it will create, with such vigor.

"We have been patient while this project underwent the most exhaustive review and analysis of any infrastructure project in the history of the United States. And today, having done its due diligence, the U.S. Department of State has once again concluded in its Environment Impact Statement that the Keystone XL project represents a safe and correct course of action for the transport of Canadian oil to the U.S. Gulf region.

"The Keystone XL pipeline has now been awaiting regulatory approval for more than five years. There are no more excuses for delaying this project. The time to construct this pipeline is now."

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**North America's Building Trades Unions are an alliance of 14 national and international unions that collectively represent 3 million skilled craft professionals in the United States and Canada**