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[Keystone XL Pipeline: State Dept on track for year-end decision](#)

The U.S. State Department has said that next month it would post its final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the much-debated **Keystone XL** pipeline.

Federal agencies will then have 90 days to comment on the EIS before the State Department makes its determination by year-end on whether to issue a Presidential permit so that the project can proceed, according to a **report** by The Hill.

One of the key issues that the EIS is assessing is pipeline safety.

“Pipeline safety is something that has concerned us from the very start of the process, and I think rightly so,” **said** David Clune, principal deputy assistant secretary at the State Department’s Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. “This is an important issue and something we’ve spent a lot of time examining.”

The **Keystone XL pipeline** would bring crude oil from Alberta, Canada to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Last 5 posts by David Curtiss

- **Op-ed: Robert Bryce takes aim at NYTimes natural gas articles** - July 19th, 2011
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President's Column



*Daniel J.
Tearpock, DPA
President*

The Year That Was !!!

As of the AAPG Annual Meeting in Houston, we, the executive committee of the DPA, are moving into a lame duck period; NOT!! I know that every president believes that in the last few months of their term that things begin to wind down and they can put their feet up and relax. This may happen from time to time, but it is more common that unexpected events occur during these last few months that need the president's and the EC's attention, not to mention the councilors, alternates and committee members. [Read more ...](#)



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From the Editor

Editor's Column

The Q2, 2011 edition of *The Correlator* highlights the key DPA-sponsored events that took place at the 2011 AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition (ACE). DPA activities featured prominently at this year's

*Wilhelm,
Publications
Chairman*

ACE and added to our organization's profile and prestige within the AAPG. These include the Annual Awards Dinner which honored five of our members whose contributions serve as an example of volunteerism and professionalism, the DPA Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Karen Alderman Harbert, President and Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy, [Read more >>>](#)

President-Elect's Report



*Marty Hewitt,
President-Elect*

Councilor Election Results

Councilor elections have concluded for the Gulf Coast and Southwest Sections for the upcoming July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014 term. In the Gulf Coast Section, Ralph Baird, Jim Grubb and Greg Hebertson, all from Houston, have been elected to three-year terms. Rick Ericksen and Chandler Wilhelm will serve as Alternate Councilors. In the Southwest Section, Debra Osborne has been elected to a three-year term. Mark Rainer will serve as an Alternate Councilor. I would like to thank all the candidates for letting their names stand for election and for their service to the DPA. [Read more >>>](#)

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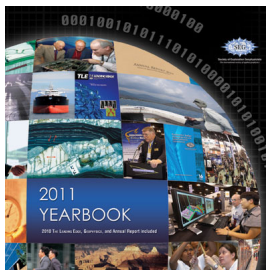
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Wednesday, 27 July

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