



September 10, 2010

Richard Opper, Director  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality  
Lee Metcalf Building  
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Dear Mr. Opper,

I am writing on behalf of the Northern Plains Pipeline Landowners Group (NPPLG). NPPLG is a group of Montana landowners whose property will be crossed by the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, and who have organized to negotiate with the company for an equitable contract which protects the landowners and public safety.

Last week, we met with a few of your staff, including Tom Ring, regarding our concerns about the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. During the meeting, we discussed many concerns that were expressed in our comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We also expressed interest in submitting conditions we would like imposed on the Keystone XL pipeline by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Tom Ring advised us to submit these conditions directly to you. The conditions are attached.

Thank you for looking into these conditions. We would appreciate a written response within two weeks of today's date.

Sincerely yours,

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Chair, Northern Plains Pipeline Landowners Group  
Northern Plains Resource Council  
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cc: Tom Ring