

Press Release
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Landowners for Fairness
TransCanada's Special Permit application to reduce pipe strength

My name is Dan Kramer. I am a life time resident of Holt County Nebraska. I am a third generation land owner and some day wish to pass that privilege on to my children. My concern is the protection of the land and water that lies beneath.

I am a member of "Landowners for Fairness" who has membership from Keya Paha County in North Central Nebraska through Jefferson County in South East Nebraska. Our goal is to educate ourselves and others that will be affected by the Keystone XL Pipeline. Our hope is that every aspect of the project beginning with licensing through the construction phase and finally into the operation of the completed pipeline receives the scrutiny a project like this deserves. The only other project in the United States that has received a waiver for the thinner walled pipe for crude oil to date is the Keystone 1 project that is now under construction in Eastern Nebraska. I understand that waiver was given by the US Department of transportation and that Nebraska may have had very little knowledge or input in that decision.

Most of the area covered by the Keystone XL Pipeline in Nebraska is right on top of our most precious resource, other than our land, "WATER" in the Ogallala Aquifer. How can we in good conscience risk these cherished assets on pipe that does not meet industry standards in the United States?