

# Federal Judge Blocks Keystone Pipeline XL in Major Blow to Trump Administration



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A federal judge temporarily blocked construction of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, ruling late Thursday that the Trump administration had failed to justify its decision granting a permit for the 1,200-mile long project designed to connect Canada's oil sands fields with Texas's Gulf Coast refineries.

[The Washington Post](#) characterized the order as a major defeat for President Trump, who attacked the Obama administration for stopping the project in the face of protests and an environmental impact study.

*Post* reporters explain that the order "requires the administration to conduct a more complete review of potential adverse impacts related to climate change, cultural resources and endangered species. The court basically ordered a do-over."

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