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Office of Inspector General

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Dear Senator Sanders:

Thank you for your letter of October 26, 2011 requesting an inquiry into the State Department's handling of the Environmental Impact Statement and National Interest Determination for TransCanada Corporation's proposed Keystone XL pipeline. I am responding on behalf of Deputy Inspector General Harold W. Geisel, who is on official travel until November 3, 2011.

We want you, and those who joined in your letter, to know that the Office of Inspector General is reviewing this matter to determine an appropriate course of action to address your concerns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [redacted] or Tom Burgess, our legislative liaison, at [redacted] if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
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