

# **CEP Union asks Ottawa to appeal “Keystone Pipeline” Approval**

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CALGARY, Alberta (Reuters) - A Labour Union said on Wednesday it is asking the Federal Government to block Regulatory Approvals for TransCanada Corp's planned C\$2.8-billion (\$2.9-billion) “**Keystone Oil Pipeline**” from Canada to the United States because of worries it will hinder job growth.

The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada said it has appealed the National Energy Board's September approval of the Line to the Federal Cabinet.

The Union wants the Government to rescind the decision and hold hearings on the **export of Canadian unrefined oil (Canada’s natural resource) to the United States instead of building facilities to refine the petroleum in Canada.**

**"The Keystone Pipeline will exclusively serve U.S. markets, create permanent employment for very few Canadians, reduce our energy security, and hinder investment and job creation in the Canadian energy sector," CEP National Union President Dave Coles said in a statement.**

**Keystone is slated to carry 435,000 barrels a day of Canadian oil (Canada’s natural resource) from our oil sands region of northern Alberta to refineries in the U.S. Midwest and beyond beginning in 2009.**

**The Project is one of a number of new lines from Canada to the United States planned to handle an expected tripling, to 3 million barrels a day, of production from our oil sands (Canada’s natural resource) by 2015.**

A spokeswoman for TransCanada said the Company was disappointed with the Union's Appeal.

"We believe the NEB decision should be upheld," Shela Shapiro said.