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Executive Action on Pipelines is Welcome News to Pipeline Workers

WASHINGTON, DC – *The following statement was issued today by James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, on President Trump’s executive actions on pipeline construction in the United States:*

“President Trump’s executive orders paving the way to build more domestic energy infrastructure is welcome news to the Operating Engineers. His actions today restore stability to a pipeline industry that has invested billions in private infrastructure over the years, only to see the goal posts moved arbitrarily based solely on politics.

Pipeline projects like Keystone XL and Dakota Access—projects that followed proper regulatory processes and legal procedures— may now move forward with more certainty for the owners, contractors and construction workers who take pride in building safe, modern energy infrastructure for America.

Thousands of skilled construction jobs—jobs that feed families, pay mortgages, send kids to college— are created by energy infrastructure projects like these. Operating Engineers are among the most highly trained and skilled pipeline workers in the world. Their expertise will ensure that these projects are built right, built safe and built to last.

Building new pipeline infrastructure also makes sense for the environment and public safety by reducing the amount of domestically produced oil currently traveling through our towns and on our waterways by train, truck and barge. Federal environmental and pipeline safety studies have consistently found that transport through pipelines provides the best protection and minimizes potential impacts to our air and water quality.

The Operating Engineers who build our country’s energy infrastructure are the best in the business. Highly advanced training, modern construction methods and strict safety protocols minimize the impact to the lands and communities in which they are built.”

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) represents 400,000 working men and women across the United States and Canada. Members of the IUOE are primarily operating engineers, who work as heavy equipment and crane operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.