

TAR SANDS LINKS – useful or interesting recent web links

(I don't necessarily agree with their contents or views)

Started August 2011. Ends March 2013.

NB: *more recent tar sands articles - and all my collated tar sands articles for 2013 onwards - are now on an html page accessible from my tar sands website near top of news-blog section on home-page:*

<http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com>

Classified under these headings: (with hyperlinks for “jumping” to sections; use CTRL|Home to jump back here)

(under each heading most recent articles mostly at top, except some sections have a block of less date-specific links at the top - such as for website home links, books and introductory or reference articles)

TAR SANDS ETC <http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/#blog>

[ECOCIDE](#)

[CETA & FTAs](#) **Free Trade Agreements (can be a major threat to social justice, the environment etc)**

TAR SANDS ETC

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Below the box the refs/links are approximately in chronological order (most recent first).

For latest info: look at tweets by UK Tar Sands Network: <https://twitter.com/NoTarSands>

*** Tar Sands and the CETA - by Scott Sinclair, October 2011, CCPA – Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
<http://www.policyalternatives.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/National%20Office/2011/10/Tar%20Sands%20and%20the%20CETA.pdf>

Taxpayer must not support tar sands extraction – Hughes The Liberal Democrats Latest News Detail 17nov09 Simon Hughes
[http://www.libdems.org.uk/latest_news_detail.aspx?title=Taxpayer must not support tar sands extraction %E2%80%93 Hughes&pPK=e840c72d-e4e1-40d4-a2c1-dcf187316a1b](http://www.libdems.org.uk/latest_news_detail.aspx?title=Taxpayer+must+not+support+tar+sands+extraction+%E2%80%93+Hughes&pPK=e840c72d-e4e1-40d4-a2c1-dcf187316a1b)

MAPs OF PIPELINES vg: Pipeline rush - The Globe and Mail <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/pipeline-rush/article2383459/?from=2383460> & vg: Exclusive Map The Tar Sands Pipeline Boom InsideClimate News 30apr12 <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20120430/exclusive-map-tar-sands-pipeline-boom#Keystone> from which you can download map as pdf

Pembina publications - <http://www.pembina.org/pubs?topics=pembina>

Top climate scientists warn Congress over Keystone XL 350.org 13feb12
<http://www.350.org/en/about/blogs/top-climate-scientists-warn-congress-over-keystone-xl>

Understanding the Canadian oil sands industry's greenhouse gas emissions <http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/4/1/014005> via Joss Garman

RealClimate Keystone XL Game over 2nov11 <http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2011/11/keystone-xl-game-over/>

**Canada's curse -- New Internationalist – Andrew Nikiforuk – 1st published: 1apr10

<http://www.newint.org/features/2010/04/01/dirty-oil/>

PHOTOS by Garth Lenz Ten Years After 9 11 – Canada's True Cost of Oil – News Watch 17aug11

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2011/08/17/ten-years-after-911-%E2%80%93-canadas-true-cost-of-oil/>

PHOTOS by Jiri Rezac / Greenpeace: In pictures Tarnished Earth - the destruction of Canada's boreal forest Environment guardian.co.uk <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/gallery/2010/sep/07/tarnished-earth-oil-sands>
Shell <http://www.no-tar-sands.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Shell-Risking-Ruin.pdf>

In Photographs America's First Tar Sands Mining Site InsideClimate News Eastern Utah <http://insideclimatenews.org/slideshow/first-us-oil-sands-tar-sands-mine-eastern-utah-pr-springs-bitumen-water-drought-desert-alberta-canada-pollution>

Excellent re **FQD Valero** Pembrokeshire FoE 'Battle lines drawn on Canadian tar sands coming to the EU' - Public Service

Europe 9nov12 <http://www.publicserviceeurope.com/article/2701/battle-lines-drawn-on-canadian-tar-sands-coming-to-eu>

Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth <http://www.foepembrokeshire.co.uk/> - has 'Tar Sands Comes to Town' & eg template letters

people & planet re tar sands: <http://peopleandplanet.org/tarsands>
<http://www.carbontracker.org/unburnable-carbon>

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Pembrokeshire community urges Nick Clegg to keep tar sands oil out of Europe No Tar Sands UK Tar Sands Network 25mar13 <http://www.no-tar-sands.org/2013/03/pembrokeshire-community-urges-nick-clegg-to-keep-tar-sands-oil-out-of-europe/>

Old news (Feb2012) but relevant now (Spring2013) as Nick Clegg has had another petition on this subject: Rory Belcher - Office of Nick Clegg MP - writes response on behalf of Nick Clegg to People & Planet petition re FQD and tar sands: 'Me Eco, You Eco Re-posting People and Planet' Feb.2012

<http://meecoyoueco.blogspot.co.uk/2012/02/re-posting-people-and-planet.html?spref=tw>

And here is P&P comment on the above: <http://blog.peopleandplanet.org/2012/02/tar-sands-clegg-reply/>

<http://www.no-tar-sands.org/2013/03/a-visit-to-the-cabinet-office/>

26mar13 'Tainted water poured for hours before broken Suncor pipe sealed'

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/Suncor+responding+break+frozen+line+that+spilled+tainted+water/8153068/story.html#.UVG6mgq3DvE.twitter>

<http://climateradio.org/defusing-the-tar-sands-climate-bomb/>

<http://newint.org/blog/2013/03/25/climate-radio-tar-sands-keystone-europe/>

<http://priceofoil.org/2013/03/22/the-tar-sands-refugees/>

New Infographic Shows how Keystone Pipelines are 'Built to Spill' DeSmogBlog 29aug11 <<< note date

<http://www.desmogblog.com/new-infographic-shows-how-keystone-pipelines-are-built-spill>

Statement on Hoenen pro-Keystone XL amendment - The Price of Oil 22mar13 <http://priceofoil.org/2013/03/22/statement-on-hoeven-pro-keystone-xl-amendment/>

Keystone XL picks up Senate backing - The Hill's E2-Wire 22mar13 <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/289941-senate-endorses-keystone-xl-through-budget-amendment>

*EXCLUSIVE State Dept. Hid Contractor's Ties to Keystone XL Pipeline Company Mother Jones by Andy Kroll 21mar13 <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/03/keystone-xl-contractor-ties-transcanada-state-department> State Dept redacted previous projects worked on by the 'experts' who wrote the report - they were contracts with co.s standing to gain from KXL.

* Keystone Pipeline Safe from Climate Change, State Department Says NationofChange 21mar13

<http://www.nationofchange.org/keystone-pipeline-safe-climate-change-state-department-says-1363361465> "Secretary of State John Kerry promised a "transparent" assessment of the Keystone XL pipeline and now the State Department has delivered on that promise—with a transparently fraudulent "environmental impact statement," which, according one critic, "makes no mention of the [pipeline's] impact on the world's climate."

German research institute pulls out of Canadian tar sands project EurActiv 19mar13 & re FQD http://www.euractiv.com/science-policy-making/german-research-institute-pulls-news-518608?utm_source=EurActiv%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=21646d9f92-newsletter_daily_update&utm_medium=email

EU must play hardball on tar sands, says Canadian chief EurActiv 18mar13 http://www.euractiv.com/climate-environment/eu-play-hard-ball-canada-tar-sand-news-518523?utm_source=EurActiv%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=aa33ae39ee-newsletter_daily_update&utm_medium=email Incl FQD and comments by FoE and T&E

'A sticky situation - The EU and Canada are at loggerheads over the damage caused to the environment by oil sands, and neither side is prepared to give way' - European Voice Dave Keating 14mar13

<http://www.europeanvoice.com/article/imported/a-sticky-situation/76660.aspx> - The strapline summarizes the 5mar13 mtg re FQD in European Parliament. Hedegard et al vs Canadian gov bloke "Because the Council's scientific committee could not reach an agreement, the Commission's fuel-quality directive proposal is referred up to environment ministers – who are waiting for the Commission to complete the impact assessment. In the meantime, Canada has been active in various European capitals trying to persuade national ministries to reject the Commission's approach. Meanwhile, MEPs resent being bypassed on a highly controversial issue. At last week's workshop, German Liberal MEP Holger Kraemer declared: "The time is right to bring this issue up in a co-decision procedure.""

** Keystone XL refineries already exporting 60 percent of their gasoline - The Price of Oil 14mar13 Lorne Stockman
<http://priceofoil.org/2013/03/14/keystone-xl-refineries-already-exporting-60-percent-of-their-gasoline/> vg map of Mexico Gulf refineries & descript of their export plans inc leg Valero
<http://priceofoil.org/2013/03/14/pro-keystone-xl-senate-bill-follows-pattern-of-following-the-oil-money/>

Obama pitches clean-fuel car plan in Chicago but signals retreat on Keystone Environment guardian.co.uk 15mar13
Goldenberg http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/mar/15/obama-congress-electric-cars-research?CMP=tw_t_gu

Muzzling of Canadian scientists 'absolutely embarrassing' Metro 15mar13
<http://metronews.ca/news/canada/596593/muzzling-of-canadian-scientists-absolutely-embarrassing/> Federal Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault is being asked to investigate the "muzzling" of Canadian government scientists in a request backed by a 128-page report detailing "systemic efforts" to obstruct access to researchers.

CACC AGM 2013 Part 2 - Emily Coats from UKTSN speaks re tar sands 2mar13 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7mwbQmqVOE>
She updates us on KXL, FQD Shell's tar sands expansion vs First Nations, UKTSN plans eg re FQD, Shell sponsorship of South Bank Centre, BP & Shell AGMs

* Andy Stevenson Guest Blog Is the Party Over for Tar Sands without Keystone XL Danielle Droitsch's Blog Switchboard, from NRDC 13mar13 http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/ddroitsch/andy_stevenson_guest_blog_is_t.html via **UK Tar Sands Network** @NoTarSands "In sum, the financial community sees [#KeystoneXL](#) as critical to the growth rate of [#tarsands](#) oil production" .ow.ly/j39tz v @NRDC

PETCOKE pollution: U.S. environmental group joins Windsorites in petcoke fight (with video) Windsor Star 12mar13
<http://blogs.windsorstar.com/2013/03/12/u-s-environmental-group-joins-windsorites-in-fight-against-petroleum-coke-piles/>

29 Vermont Communities Say No to Tar Sands Shipments, New England Opposition Grows DeSmogBlog 12mar13
http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/03/12/29-vermont-communities-say-no-tar-sands-shipments-new-england?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Fact-checking Canada's record on climate change and the oilsands Pembina Institute 12mar13 <http://www.pembina.org/blog/697>
Keystone Mulcair tells Americans Harper government playing them for fools Canadian Politics Canada News National Post 12mar13 <http://news.nationalpost.com/2013/03/12/tom-mulcair-goes-to-washington-tells-americans-that-harper-is-playing-people-for-fools-on-environment-amid-keystone-assessment/>

State Department Keystone XL Study Done by Oil Industry-Connected Firm with Big Tobacco, Fracking Ties DeSmogBlog 12mar13 http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/03/11/state-department-keystone-xl-study-oil-industry-big-tobacco-fracking?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

No, Minister Oliver, the oil sands have not become 'green' - The Globe and Mail *Tzeporah Berman is an environmental author and co-founder of ForestEthics* ?8mar13 <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/no-minister-oliver-the-oil-sands-have-not-become-green/article9503879/?cmpid=rss1> While Mr. Oliver claimed this week that the oil sands were 'getting greener' citing statistics that showed per-barrel emissions dropping between 1990 and 2010, he failed to mention that since 2010 per barrel emissions have increased by 21 per cent. The oil is getting dirtier due to an increasing focus on deep oil sands development using steam, which causes more greenhouse-gas emissions.

Ottawa [Joe Oliver] pitches the oil sands as 'green' - The Globe and Mail 5mar13
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/energy-and-resources/ottawa-pitches-the-oil-sands-as-green/article9306257/>

Musings of A Canadian government scientist from behind the muzzle
<http://unmuzzledscience.wordpress.com/>

The Strategic Importance of the Keystone XL Pipeline The Independent Micael Klare 21feb13
<https://independent.org/2013/02/21/strategic-importance-keystone-xl-pipeline>

<http://www.oilsandsdevelopers.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Oil-Sands-Project-List-March-5-2013.pdf>

*** Oil Change International Statement on Draft Keystone XL EIS - The Price of Oil 1mar13 Steve Kretzman
<http://priceofoil.org/2013/03/01/oil-change-international-statement-on-draft-keystone-xl-eis/> -

'Oil Change International: Obama Administration Draft Keystone XL EIS Understates Climate Impact, Ignores Pipeline's Purpose of Exporting Oil Abroad'

<http://environmentaldefence.ca/blog/5-things-you-need-know-about-keystone-xl-environmental-impact-assessment>

Keystone XL pipeline report slammed by activists and scientists - Sierra Club leads angry response to 'deeply flawed' State Department report into proposed oil sands pipeline Environment guardian.co.uk

http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/mar/02/keystone-xl-pipeline-report-activists-scientists?CMP=tw_t_gu

<http://www.desmogblog.com/keystone-xl-pipeline-environmental-assessment-news>

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/11/opinion/when-to-say-no-to-the-keystone-xl.html?ref=opinion&_r=3&

Blame Canada Part 1 The Country Has Become a Petro-State, Happily Drilling for Profits as the World Warms DeSmog Canada 7mar13 <http://desmog.ca/2013/03/06/blame-canada-part-1-country-has-become-petro-state-happily-drilling-profits-world-warms>

'State Department' Keystone XL Report Actually Written By TransCanada Contractor Grist 6mar13

<http://grist.org/article/state-department-keystone-xl-report-actually-written-by-transcanada-contractor/>

http://keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov/documents/organization/205719.pdf Draft Supplement EIS ?1mar13 <http://ht.ly/ibv04>

Keystone XL Environmental Assessment Expected Today As Industry Experts Proclaim It an Export Pipeline – EcoWatch Uniting the Voice of the Grassroots Environmental Movement Article by Oil Change International 1mar13

<http://ecowatch.org/2013/keystone-xl-assessment/>

kxl-own-words-v2 - The Tar Sands need KXL to expand <https://s3.amazonaws.com/s3.350.org/images/kxl-own-words-v2.pdf>

Texas Oil Spill [on 26feb13] Hits Home for Tar Sands Activists » Rainforest Action Network Blog Scott Parkin 27feb13

<http://understory.ran.org/2013/02/27/texas-oil-spill-hits-home-for-tar-sands-activists/> Yesterday in Tyler County, TX, a pipeline operated by Sunoco Logistics sprung a leak and spilled 20,000 gallons (or 550 barrels) of oil into local East Texas waterways

Hugo Chavez Told Me He Won't Sell Oil to the Kochs VICE United Kingdom Feb2012

http://www.vice.com/en_uk/read/koch-brothers-hugo-chavez-and-the-xl-pipeline and part 2 a week later:

Murkier Than Oil VICE United Kingdom Feb2012 http://www.vice.com/en_uk/read/only-you-can-stop-the-xl-keystone-pipeline

Also in Morning Star 19feb12: [The dark lords of the tar sands / Features / Home - Morning Star](http://www.morningstaronline.co.uk/news/content/view/full/129659)

www.morningstaronline.co.uk/news/content/view/full/129659 And printed on 20feb13

Greg Palast Investigative Reporter <http://www.gregpalast.com/the-koch-brothers-hugo-chavez-and-the-xl-pipeline/>

'Experts have warned of **'bitumen bubble'** for years' Karen Kleiss, Edmonton Journal, 24feb13

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/energy-resources/Experts+have+warned+bitumen+bubble+years/8009291/story.html>

Keystone XL decision will define Barack Obama's legacy on climate change Environment guardian.co.uk by John Abraham

22feb13 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2013/feb/22/keystone-xl-pipeline-barack-obama-oil-sands> John Abraham is associate professor in the school of engineering at the University of St Thomas in Minnesota v punchily written

Forward on Climate Rally - February 17, 2013 - YouTube 20feb13 - excellent and inspirational 4 minute video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=anXE46utpo8#! The Story of #ForwardOnClimate 350.org <http://ht.ly/hv2a8>

What's in a Number Media and Government Downplay Keystone XL Climate Rally Attendance DeSmog Canada 20feb13

<http://desmog.ca/2013/02/19/what-s-number-media-and-government-downplay-keystone-protest-figures>

Evangeline Lilly (aka Kate Austen in 'Lost') speaks to other Canadians re tar sands: "I am Canadian. What are You?"..."The tar sands in Alberta, the construction of new pipelines, the industrial abuse of clean water, the elimination of environmental laws and mistreatment of First Nations peoples are some of the greatest threats to our identity as Canadians." 12feb13 <http://desmog.ca/2013/01/22/evangeline-lilly-i-am-canadian-what-are-you> in DeSmog Canada

Oil Sands Mining Uses Up Almost as Much Energy as It Produces InsideClimate News Rachel Newer 19feb13

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130219/oil-sands-mining-tar-sands-alberta-canada-energy-return-on-investment-eroi-natural-gas-in-situ-dilbit-bitumen> Examines and cf's EROI figures 'energy returned on investment'

The Missing Tar Sands Monitoring Data - The Price of Oil - Andy Rowell 19feb13 <http://priceofoil.org/2013/02/19/the-missing-tar-sands-monitoring-data/>

Bernie Sanders @SenSanders Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) speaks out against

the #KeystoneXL pipeline: youtu.be/atjSaBEb_PI #ForwardOnClimate #NoKXL - this tweet on 18feb13 but video last summer

Europe says NO to tar sands, NO to KXL 17feb13 350.org <http://350.org/en/about/blogs/europe-says-no-tar-sands-no-kxl> -

at the foot of this page it states Please sign this petition..... and links to: 350 UK #ForwardOnClimate

<http://act.350.org/sign/uk-fuel-quality-directive/> <Sign this to Nick Clegg <http://www.foepembrookshire.co.uk/>

It's a momentous day in the fight against the tar sands No Tar Sands UK Tar Sands Network 17feb13 <http://www.no-tar-sands.org/2013/02/its-a-momentous-day-in-the-fight-against-the-tar-sands/>

Shame this contains false propaganda: Thousands at climate rally in Washington call on Obama to reject Keystone pipeline Reuters -17feb13 <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/17/us-usa-climate-keystone-protest-idUSBRE91G0GZ20130217>

Canadian cops monitor environmentalists » StraightGoods.ca <http://sgnews.ca/2013/02/15/canadian-cops-monitor-environmentalists/>

Oilsands tailings leaking into groundwater, Joe Oliver told in memo - by Mike de Souza, POSTMEDIA NEWS 17feb13 Calgary Herald <http://ht.ly/hNJKU> *He Wrote this in Dec2011: 'Secret' Environment Canada study warns of oil sands' impact on habitat* News Financial Post 22dec11 <http://business.financialpost.com/2011/12/22/secret-environment-canada-study-warns-of-oil-sands-impact-on-habitat/>

Harper government presses Obama to approve Keystone XL pipeline rabble.ca 17feb13 <http://rabble.ca/news/2013/02/harper-government-presses-obama-approve-keystone-xl-pipeline#.USDs7ujzi5o.twitter>

Why I Got Arrested at the White House to Stop the Tar Sands Pipeline - BY ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. OnEarth Magazine 15feb13 <http://www.onearth.org/blog/robert-f-kennedy-jr-arrested-at-white-house-keystone-xl-protest#.USEBs7I1QpY.twitter>

Daryl Hannah leads celebrity Keystone XL protest at White House gates Environment guardian.co.uk 13feb13 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/feb/13/daryl-hannah-keystone-xl-protest-obama>

Canada's environmental activists seen as 'threat to national security' Environment guardian.co.uk 14feb13 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/feb/14/canada-environmental-activism-threat>

Gagging / muzzling science: 'Scientist calls new confidentiality rules on Arctic project 'chilling'' canada.com 13feb13 <http://o.canada.com/2013/02/13/feds-new-confidentiality-rules-on-arctic-project-called-chilling/#.UR1u-vGmUPk.twitter> "I'm not signing it," said Andreas Muenchow of the University of Delaware, who has taken issue with the wording that Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans has proposed for the Canada-U.S. project. It's an affront to academic freedom and a "potential muzzle," said Muenchow, who has been collaborating with DFO scientists on the project in the eastern Arctic since 2003.Harper government's micro-management of science ...Muenchow... so it does not "sign away my freedom to speak, publish, educate, learn and share."

Kinder Morgan Pipeline Route Maps Wilderness Committee <http://wildernesscommittee.org/KMmap>

Re the **Montreal-Portland** pipeline - which goes through VERMONT: 'Pipeline CEO argues safety of pumping tar sands oil through Vermont; environmentalist disagrees' 12feb13 <http://vtdigger.org/2013/02/12/pipeline-ceo-argues-safety-of-pumping-tar-sands-oil-through-vermont-environmentalist-disagrees/> The vg Senator is Senator for Vermont

Tar Sands Directly Hurting "Brand Canada" - The Price of Oil Andy Rowell 13feb13 <http://priceofoil.org/2013/02/13/tar-sands-directly-hurting-brand-canada/>

** Has RBS stopped financing the tar sands (Spoiler No) [but...] - February 12, 2013 Platform London - Arts. Activism. Education. Research. 12feb13 by Kevin Smith <http://platformlondon.org/2013/02/12/rbs-stopped-financing-tar-sands-spoiler-no/> inc leg diff btwn project finance & corporate finance Also published in The Price of Oil on an Andy Rowell page as guest post 'RBS Wiggles Over Tar Sands Investments'

Michael T. Klare 'A Presidential Decision That Could Change the World - The Strategic Importance of Keystone XL' 11feb13 http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-t-klare/obama-keystone-xl-decision_b_2661798.html also published in eg Grist 11feb13 : http://grist.org/climate-energy/obamas-keystone-xl-decision-could-doom-the-tar-sands-or-the-planet/?utm_campaign=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter Michael T. Klare is author and Professor of Peace and World-Security Studies, Hampshire College *Michael Klare is a professor of peace and world security studies at Hampshire College, a TomDispatch regular and the author, most recently, of The Race for What's Left, just published in paperback. A documentary movie based on his book Blood and Oil can be previewed and ordered at www.bloodandoilmovie.com. You can follow Klare on Facebook by clicking here.* <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Michael-Klare/316344375093469>

keeping_their_head_in_the_sand_january_2013 - Canada's EU Fuel Quality Directive lobby diary FoE Europe by Andy Rowell & ed by Darek Urbaniak http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/publications/keeping_their_head_in_the_sand_january_2013.pdf

**An Updated Look at What Keystone XL and Alberta Tar Sands Mean for the Climate 8feb13 <http://www.skepticalscience.com/updated-keystone-climate.html>

Twilight of an energy boom Alberta's new fiscal challenge - The Globe and Mail 9feb13

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/economy/twilight-of-an-energy-boom-albertas-new-fiscal-challenge/article8415713/?page=1>

Suncor's \$1.5-billion writedown puts oil sands project in jeopardy - The Globe and Mail 6feb13

<http://m.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/blow-for-suncor-as-oil-sands-project-in-jeopardy-after-writedown/article8287055/?service=mobile>

KXL Its Not an Either Or Decision - The Price of Oil 4feb13 Andy Rowell <http://priceofoil.org/2013/02/04/kxl-its-not-an-either-or-decision/>

Alberta oil sands face defining days as Keystone ruling, EU vote nears Energy News Financial Post by Claudia Cattaneo http://business.financialpost.com/2013/01/30/oil-sands-face-defining-days-as-u-s-keystone-ruling-eu-vote-draw-closer/?_isa=62c9-2053 - but contains errors. A Financial Post energy viewpoint - climate change is not given importance
Keystone XL Obama should approve pipeline, Nature says Energy News Financial Post 30jan13 http://business.financialpost.com/2013/01/30/obama-should-face-down-critics-and-approve-keystone-xl-science-journal/?_isa=a98f-88c6 A shockingly erroneous and anti-nature editorial in Nature ! & shamelessly open about being pro-industry pro-conservative right !! Nature = anti-nature !! Truly sickening bias in what I had thought was a science-based objective publication. Very flawed with false & prejudiced presumptions.

Alberta picks former oil lobby head as Washington envoy Canada Reuters 1feb13 - also re dropping price of tar sands oil due to restricted pipeline capacity - "devastating the finances of the [Alberta] province" !
http://ca.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idCABRE91019T20130201?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&dlvr.it=101167
<http://priceofoil.org/2013/01/29/bankers-warn-oil-is-unburnable-carbon/>
<http://reneweconomy.com.au/2013/unburnable-carbon-value-of-fossil-fuel-giants-at-risk-71370>
<http://priceofoil.org/2012/12/20/kill-bill-c-45/>

RBS financing toxic tar sands Friends of the Earth Scotland 9nov12 <http://www.foe-scotland.org.uk/node/1520>
New research, published 5th November 2012 has shown that pollution from the highly destructive tar sand extraction process is being spread across a wider area than ever thought possible as toxins are being found in river, fish, rain and snow. Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is the UK's biggest financier of the fossil fuel industry, including the Canadian tar sands, which have been described as the most environmentally destructive project on the planet.

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2009/11/12/204950/boreal-forests-the-carbon-the-world-forgot/>

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Davies is savage about the UK government's position, for which fellow LibDem Norman Baker is the responsible minister: "The whole issue of tar sands is becoming a huge source of embarrassment to every Liberal Democrat who wants and expects a government of which we are part to be leading on environment issues and in the fight against climate change."

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