

Trump clears way for controversial oil pipelines

President Trump has signed executive orders to revive the Dakota Access and Keystone XL oil pipelines, another step in his effort to dismantle former president Barack Obama's environmental legacy



■ Keystone XL

\$8 billion, 1,897km pipeline planned to carry 830,000 barrels of oil per day from tar sands of Alberta, Canada, to Nebraska

Obama halted project in 2015 on grounds it would contribute to climate change because thick crude tar sands oil is especially greenhouse gas intensive to extract

■ Dakota Access

\$3.7bn, 1,900km pipeline planned to carry 470,000 bpd of oil from North Dakota to refineries and pipeline networks in Illinois

Army engineers halted project in Dec 2016 to explore alternative routes following huge protests by Native Americans, who say pipeline would imperil water supplies and disturb sacred burial sites