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President Obama Rejects Keystone Pipeline

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On November 6, President Obama announced his decision to deny TransCanada's application for approval to build the Keystone XL Pipeline. This decision comes over seven years after TransCanada filed its application and after many significant events in 2015 that culminated in President Obama's announcement. Although the application denial is a significant setback for the pipeline, it does not necessarily mean that the project will never be approved. [More »](#)

With Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations Concluded, Administration Turns to Clearing Domestic Hurdles

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The working text (all 5,500+ pages) of the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) was [released](#) to the public on November 5. This text is still undergoing an intense legal scrub and must be translated into its other official languages prior to signature. With the text now public, the Administration has an opportunity to demonstrate to a skeptical Congress and to the American public how the TPP has achieved its ambition of a "21st Century Agreement" that promises benefits for American farmers, businesses, and workers. Once implemented, the agreement among Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United States, and Vietnam will create an integrated regional economy accounting for 40 percent of global GDP. [More »](#)

Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs and King & Spalding Host Successful Workshop on U.S. Manufacturing and Public Policy

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On Thursday, October 29, a group of academics, government officials and business leaders gathered at the Conrad Hotel in Indianapolis to discuss policy solutions for reviving the manufacturing sector in the

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United States. The “U.S. Manufacturing and Public Policy: Road Map for the Future” workshop was hosted by Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) and organized in conjunction with King & Spalding. [More »](#)

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The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has requested, pursuant to section 105 of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) conduct an assessment of the likely impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement on the U.S. economy as a whole, on specific industry sectors, and on the interests of U.S. consumers. [More »](#)

News of Note

- **The WTO Reaches 500 Requests for Dispute Settlement – *Marcus Sohlberg*** – The World Trade Organization (WTO) reached a milestone on November 10 when Pakistan filed the 500th request for trade consultation since the organization’s inception in 1995. [More »](#)
- **Bill Updating The Buy American Act Makes The Rounds In Congress – *Quinn Bailey & Shannon Doyle Barna*** – In October 2015, two Congressmen proposed legislation known as the 21st Century Buy American Act which, if passed, would amend the Buy American Act. [More »](#)
- **The United States and South Africa Work to Resolve Export Barriers – *Kate Benner*** – There were several developments during November in the ongoing dispute between the United States and South Africa over South African’s treatment of agricultural imports from the United States. [More »](#)

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