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WEEK 1: 10,000+ JOBS LOST, BILLIONS IN WAGES CANCELLED
*America's Utility Construction Industry Criticizes Biden Decision
To Terminate Keystone XL Pipeline*

(Fairfax, Va.) – *The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement about President Biden's cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline project:*

"Terminating the Keystone XL pipeline will not help the Biden Administration's goal to reinvigorate the nation's economy. This project has created over 10,000 high-paying construction jobs. Wages on this project were going to exceed \$2.2 billion for thousands of hard-working Americans, whose members and their families were counting on this work."

"Pipeline equipment suppliers and manufacturers are also going to be greatly affected, costing even more jobs. And Native Americans will feel the loss of more than \$1 billion in equity ownership opportunities and the project sponsor's commitment of over \$500 million for Native American suppliers and jobs in their communities."

"NUCA strongly urges the Biden Administration to reverse this ill-advised decision. Infrastructure projects like this are vital to the nation's economy, and the recommitment of construction industry resources to new projects is not something that is done overnight."

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents nearly 1,700 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at [@NUCA_National](https://twitter.com/NUCA_National). The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCADigs.