WASHINGTON, D.C. – Statement by American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) President and CEO Chet Thompson on the announcement of the U.S. State Department approval of the cross-border permit to advance Keystone XL pipeline:

“Today’s announcement of the U.S. State Department’s approval of the cross-border permit is a welcome shot in the arm for America’s energy producers who are eager to fulfill President Trump’s *America First Energy Plan*.

“This pipeline meets the necessary environmental requirements and has been needlessly delayed for far too long. Today’s announcement is a critical step towards building the necessary infrastructure that will enhance our national security, create jobs, and grow our economy.

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