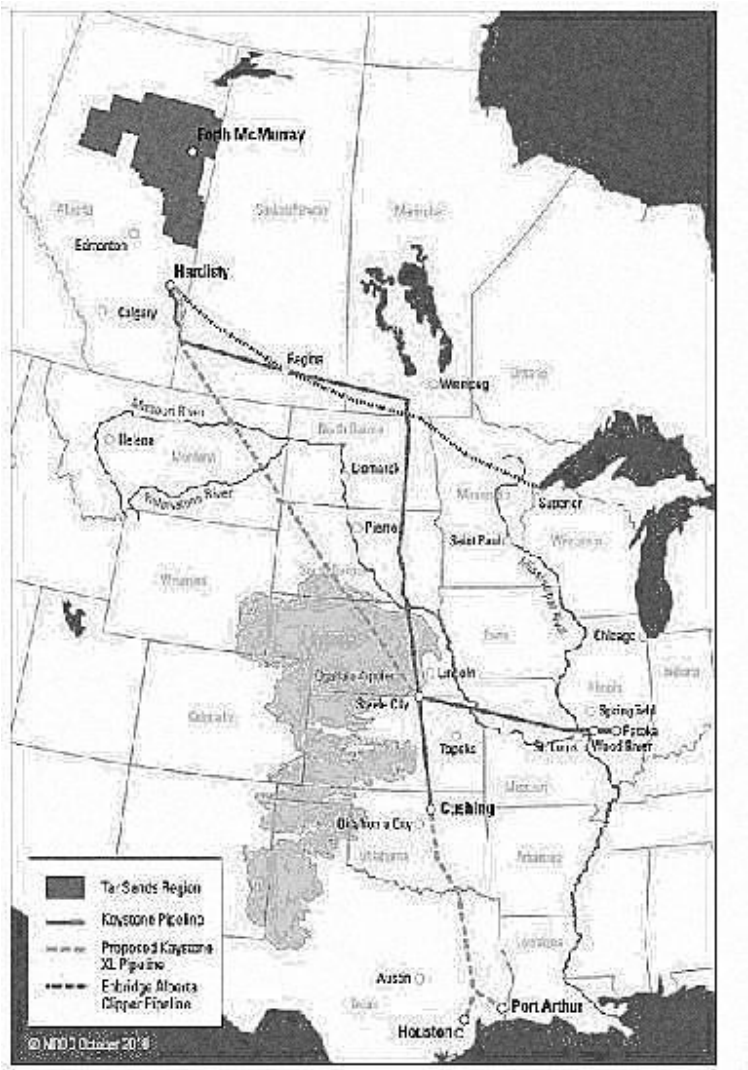
CONTROVERSY OVER PROPOSED PIPELINE

As Crude Oil Spills into Yellowstone River from First Keystone Pipeline, Obama Administration Mulls Approval of New Keystone Pipeline from Canada to Texas by TransCanada Group.

"Thousands of environmental activists from across the continent gathered in Washington, D.C., launching a two-week protest against the proposed Keystone XL pipeline that would carry tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada, to U.S. oil refineries in the Gulf of Mexico [Houston]. The massive pipeline would cross the Yellowstone River, as well as the Ogallala Aquifer, the largest freshwater aquifer in the United States.

"Environmentalists planned to hold sit-ins and other acts of civil disobedience outside the White House for two weeks in order to pressure the Obama administration as it decides whether to approve the pipeline's construction. Supporters of the pipeline say the pipeline will create some 20,000 construction jobs. Last month, the Republican-controlled House passed a measure that would force a decision on the Keystone XL by November 1."



Dotted line shows proposed pipeline over the Ogallala Aquifer http://www.democracynow.org