

(S.D.)- Tribal Members Walk Out Of Keystone Meeting

By: Jeremy Anderson Posted at: 05/17/2013 06:38 AM

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - Tribal representatives walked out of a meeting with U.S. State Department officials who came to Rapid City to discuss concerns about the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Oglala Sioux Tribe President Bryan Brewer made a statement dismissing the gathering as a sham because no leadership of the United States was present.

The tribes are concerned about the project's potential impact on sites sacred to the tribes.

A news release says members of the Lakota, Ponca, and Pawnee tribes consider the meeting a "sham" because the Obama administration sent "low level clerks" to meet with tribal and treaty leaders.