Chris Reagen in Mashable: Dakota Access pipeline protests go global Tuesday

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Opponents of the Dakota Access pipeline are taking to the streets in every U.S. state and in cities as far away as Tokyo and Auckland.

Around 35,000 people are expected to join in 300 actions on Tuesday to demand that the Obama administration reject the final leg of the 1,170-mile pipeline.

The controversial segment would run beneath Lake Oahe, a reservoir on the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota. Native American activists and their allies say the pipeline crossing would threaten the region's water supplies and damage sacred sites.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave opponents of the pipeline some good news this week when it called for further analysis of the disputed portion, a move that delays construction ...

Chris Reagen, an attorney with Haynes Boone, a law firm that represents many oil and gas companies, said Trump wouldn't have legal authority to bypass the regulatory process and give his own rubber stamp of approval. Such a move would invite years of litigation.

"We've got this comprehensive regulatory framework governing pipelines," Reagan told Mashable. "It's a dangerous precedent to make each project subject to the discretion of the executive, or political opinion," he said.

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