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# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Issue Date: March 17, 2026

Expiration Date: April 6, 2026

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Omaha, Nebraska is announcing an additional fifth public meeting to be held in conjunction with the Perkins County Canal project, proposed by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment (DWEE).

**PUBLIC MEETING:** In addition to the public meetings announced in the Special Public Notice and Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Perkins County Canal project dated February 20, 2026, **an additional public meeting has been scheduled for March 31, 2026, at the NACO West Training Center, 102 Diamond Springs Trail, Ogallala, NE 69153.** The meeting will be held 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. MDT with Welcome Remarks at 6:00 p.m. MDT.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha District Regulatory Division is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Action (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Oral and/or written comments may be received at the public meeting. USACE Omaha District Regulatory Division will receive written comments on the proposed work until April 6, 2026.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Electronically via the Regulatory Request System at <https://rrs.Corps.army.mil/rrs> using the search term NWO-2023-00518
- Email: PCC.EIS@usace.army.mil
- Postal mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District Regulatory Division, Attention: PCC, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, NE 68102
- Verbally or in writing at in-person public meetings, or verbally at the virtual public meeting.

The virtual public meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026, at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. MDT/ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. CDT. A link to access the virtual public meeting is available on the project website at <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Colorado/EIS-Perkins-County-Canal/>.

All written comments should include the project name, Perkins County Canal, and permit application number NWO-2023-00518 in the subject line.

All mailed **submissions should be postmarked no later than the expiration date of this notice** and electronic submissions should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this notice to become part of the record and be considered in the development of the EIS.

**PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** Comments and information, including the identity of the submitter, submitted in response to this public notice may be disclosed, reproduced, and distributed at the discretion of USACE. Information that is submitted in connection with this public notice cannot be maintained as confidential by USACE. Submissions should not include any information that the submitter seeks to maintain as confidential.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For additional information regarding the proposed project plans and construction, please contact DWEE at the address found in the *Applicant* section below.

**APPLICANT** Matt Manning  
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The USACE website is <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Colorado/EIS-Perkins-County-Canal/>, and USACE contact information is in the *Contact Information* section, below.

**AUTHORITY:** This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

**CONTACT INFORMATION.** Additional information may be found on the project website: <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Colorado/EIS->

[Perkins-County-Canal/](#). For further information and/or questions about this notice, the NEPA process or 404 permit decision process, please contact:

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