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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon Project

To Whom It May Concern: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Portland District, is evaluating an application for a Department of the Army permit (No. NWP-2020-00383), and a potential Section 408 permission (No. 408-0109-FY22), for the proposed NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon project. USACE as the lead federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed project. The DEIS assesses the reasonably foreseeable impacts of the NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon project on several resources including those stated below. In addition, NEPA requires that an EIS include a reasonable range of alternatives that are technically and economically feasible and meet the purpose and need of a proposal. Alternatives may include on-site design modifications or off-site locations. Alternatives carried forward for this analysis are detailed in the DEIS.

The DEIS is available for review on the USACE Portland District website at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NEXT-Renewable-Fuels-EIS/>. The Corps projects that a Notice of Availability for the DEIS will be posted in the Federal Register on February 27, 2026. At that time, the DEIS will be available for review at <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. The required 45-day comment period for the DEIS will commence once the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register.

USACE is requesting public comment on the DEIS and the analysis it provides. Written comments may be submitted as described at the end of this notice. USACE will also accept comments at virtual comment meetings as described below.

DEIS Comment Meetings: USACE will conduct virtual DEIS comment meetings during the 45-day DEIS comment period in which agencies, organizations, tribes, and members of the public are invited to present comments or suggestions with regard to the issues, alternatives, and potential impacts considered in the DEIS.

Virtual DEIS Comment Meeting Dates and Times:

April 1, 2026: 1:00pm – 3:00pm PST

Join meeting online at: [Join the meeting now](#)

Join by phone at: 503-207-9433; Phone conference ID: 879 632 239#

April 2, 2026: 6:00pm – 8:00pm PST

Join meeting online at: [Join the meeting now](#)

Join by phone at: 503-207-9433; Phone conference ID: 315 295 365#

The link to join the meeting is also available on the USACE website (<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NEXT-Renewable-Fuels-EIS/>).

Authority: The proposed project requires authorization from USACE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344), for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; and potentially under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 408) (referred to as “Section 408”) for work to alter a USACE civil works project.

Applicant Name: NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon

Location: The proposed project site is located at the Port Westward Industrial Park near Clatskanie, Columbia County, Oregon. The site is in Section 22, Township 8 North, Range 4 West at Latitude and Longitude: 46.167233°, -123.16195°.

Proposed Project Description: The proposed project necessitating the DEIS involves the construction of the proposed NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon facility. The project would permanently fill 104.3 acres of wetlands and 0.87 acre of other waterways (ditches and slough) to construct a renewable fuels facility and ancillary components. The project would temporarily fill 31.51 acres of wetlands for project construction and a staging area.

The proposed project facility would be capable of producing 50,000 barrels per day of renewable diesel and other renewable fuel products. The production process would produce renewable fuels from a range of feedstocks such as various vegetable oils, used cooking oil, animal tallow, and inedible corn oil. The proposed facility and ancillary components constructed in wetlands/waterways would include: main access road; natural gas pipeline; rail spur, ladder tracks, and rail spur access road; four new pipelines to connect with pipelines to an existing wharf; ten large product and feedstock tanks (125,000 to 225,000 barrels each); eleven smaller feedstock and process tanks (10,000 to 50,000 barrels each); pre-treatment plant; hydrogen facility; Ecofining™ units; storm and process water system; office/administration buildings/laboratory; and site landscaping and fencing.

The proposed project includes a permittee-responsible compensatory mitigation plan. The compensatory mitigation plan would enhance 466.10 acres of wetlands that are currently used for agriculture and silviculture.

DEIS Comment Process: USACE Portland District has posted the DEIS on its website as of the date of this public notice. Currently, the DEIS is available for review on the USACE Portland District website at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NEXT-Renewable-Fuels-EIS/>. The Corps projects that a Notice of Availability for the DEIS will be posted in the Federal Register on February 27, 2026. At that time, the DEIS will be available for review at <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. The required 45-day comment period for the DEIS will commence once the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register. USACE requests data, comments, information, analysis, or suggestions relevant to the environmental analysis in the DEIS from the public; affected Federal, tribal, state, and local governments, agencies and offices; the scientific community; industry; or any other interested party. To promote informed decision-making, comments should be as specific as possible and should provide as much detail as necessary to meaningfully and fully inform USACE on why the issues raised are important to the consideration of potential environmental effects and/or the alternatives to the proposed project.

Virtual Comment Meetings Information: USACE will conduct virtual comment meetings as identified on Page 1.

The virtual comment meetings will include an overview of the NEPA process and an overview of the proposed project. USACE will accept oral comments from the public at these scoping meetings. One speaker per participant/phone number will be allowed.

Each speaker will be given 3 minutes to provide comments. If you have additional comments that you'd like to submit beyond the allotted time, please submit them in writing. Written comments will not be accepted via the virtual scoping meeting (e.g., chat). Please submit written comments by the methods listed below.

Participants may join the virtual scoping meeting 10 minutes before the meeting start time. You will be prompted to enter your name at log in. Please be sure to enter your first and last name for identification if you wish to speak. Upon entry to the meeting, attendees will be muted with no video capability.

The virtual comment meetings will be conducted in English. If you require the services of a translator or special accommodation, please pre-register for the comment meeting by sending a request with your name, accommodation needs, the date of the comment meeting you plan to attend, and email address to nexteis@usace.army.mil by March 25, 2026. USACE will try to accommodate all reasonable requests.

Submitting Comments: Comments on the DEIS may be submitted by email, conventional mail. All comments must include the Corps number NWP-2020-00383. In order to be accepted, email comments must originate from the author's email account. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

DEIS comments may be submitted to the addresses below:

By email to: nexteis@usace.army.mil

By conventional mail to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District,
Attn: Mr. James Davidson – NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon, P.O. Box 2946, Portland,
Oregon 97208-2946

Any comments received during the DEIS comment period and at the virtual comment meetings will be considered by USACE in preparing the Final EIS. USACE will consider written comments and oral comments equally. All comments must be received or postmarked by the ending date of the 45-day comment period beginning when the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register.

Additional Information: Additional information about the proposed project and the DEIS may be obtained from the USACE website (<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NEXT-Renewable-Fuels-EIS/>) and at: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, Attn: Mr. James Davidson – NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946; by telephone at 503-808-4041; or by email at nexteis@usace.army.mil.