

DPA Q77 – Existing Environmental and Engineering Conditions Overview

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Environmental Conditions

NEPA impacts on your project will depend on your plan. For this specific DPA, the following should be considered. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but suggestive.

Please note that links were current as of the date of public posting of this document but may have changed.

Section 106 Resources

- There are **no** National Historic Trails within the DPA
- There are two National Register of Historic Places resources within the DPA
- 4 Tribes have interest in Saline and Seward Counties
 - o Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
 - o Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
 - o Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma
 - o Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Biological Resources

- Federally Listed Species Range
 - o Monarch Butterfly – Proposed Threatened
 - o Northern Long-eared Bat – Endangered
 - o Piping Plover – Threatened
 - o Regal Fritillary – Proposed Threatened
- State Listed Species Range
 - o Northern Long-Eared Bat – Endangered
 - o Western Prairie Fringed Orchid - Threatened
 - o Whooping Crane – Endangered
- **No** critical habitat identified

Wetlands

- Yes

Floodplain

- There are multiple flood hazard zones in the DPA
 - o Zone A (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard)
 - o Zone X (0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard)

Prime Farmland

- Yes

Hazardous Materials

- There are multiple regulated facilities within the DPA

Environmental Justice

- There are **no** environmental justice populations within the DPA
- The DPA is **not** considered “Disadvantaged” under Justice40

Water Resources

- West Fork Big Blue River is 303d listed, impaired for aquatic life, caused by pesticides, cause unknown; impaired for recreation use, caused by pathogens
- Spring Creek is 303d listed, impaired for aquatic life, caused by pesticides
- The DPA has two Wellhead Protection Areas
 - o Village of Dorchester (NE3115103)
 - o City of Friend (NE3115102)

Classified Lands

- There is one NGPC property within the DPA
 - o Blue River SRA

Agencies that will be required

- Nebraska SHPO (Deputy SHPO, Michael Sothan)
 - o hn.hp@nebraska.gov
 - o Approximate 30-day review period
 - May require cultural/historical surveys
- US Fish and Wildlife (Region 6)
 - o Nebraskaes@fws.gov
 - o Approximate 30-day review period
 - May require completion of BA package
- US Army Corps of Engineers (Omaha District)
 - o ne404reg@usace.army.mil
 - o Approximate 30-day response time
- US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (Assistant State Soil Scientist, Elizabeth Gray)
 - o elizabeth.gray@usda.gov
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
 - o NDEE.Assistance@nebraska.gov
- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Environmental Specialist, John Miller)
 - o john.j.miller@nebraska.gov

Engineering Conditions

County

- Saline
- Seward

City/Village

- Dorchester

Highways

- Highway 6: NDOT Permit Required
- Highway 15: NDOT Permit Required

Railroads

- BNSF

Pipelines

- Market Area

Agencies that will be required

- Saline County
- Seward County
- Village of Dorchester
- NDOT District 1 (Permitting Officer, Cierra Catlin)
 - o cierra.catlin@nebraska.gov
- BNSF Railroad
- Market Area Pipeline
 - o Northern Natural Gas Co.