

## DPA Q31 – 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 is one National Register of Historic Places resource within the DPA
- 4 Tribes have interest in Pierce County
  - o Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
  - o Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
  - o Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
  - o Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

#### Biological Resources

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

#### Wetlands

- Yes

#### Floodplain

- Pierce County is not mapped digitally. Paper maps can be found on the FEMA MSC
- There are multiple special flood hazard areas in the DPA
  - o Zone A (100-year / 1% annual chance) floodplain

#### Prime Farmland

- Yes

#### Hazardous Materials

- There are **no** regulated facilities within the DPA.

## Environmental Justice

- There are **no** environmental justice populations within the DPA

## Water Resources

- Dry Creek is 303d listed, impaired for recreation
- North Fork Elkhorn River is **not** 303d listed, impaired for recreation
- Willow Creek is 303d listed, impaired for recreation
- The DPA has **no** Wellhead Protection Areas.

## Classified Lands

- There are **no** classified lands within the DPA

## Agencies that will be required

- Nebraska SHPO (Deputy SHPO, Michael Sothan)
  - o [hn.hp@nebraska.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:elizabeth.gray@usda.gov)
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
  - o [NDEE.Assistance@nebraska.gov](mailto:NDEE.Assistance@nebraska.gov)
- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Environmental Specialist, John Miller)
  - o [john.j.miller@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.j.miller@nebraska.gov)

## Engineering Conditions

### County

- Pierce

### Highways

- Highway 13: NDOT Permit Required

### Pipelines

- Nebraska Transmission
- Norfolk – Yankton – 6”
- TIGT

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- Pierce County
- NDOT District 3 (Permitting Officer, Dean Schwartz)
  - o [dean.schwartz@nebraska.gov](mailto:dean.schwartz@nebraska.gov)
- Nebraska Transmission Pipeline
  - o Black Hills Energy
- Norfolk – Yankton – 6” Pipeline
  - o NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.
- TIGT Pipeline
  - o Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission LLC