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Portland District

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Knife River Corporation

Watters Quarry Expansion Phase II

Issue Date: January 12, 2023

On December 16, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) issued a 30-day public notice regarding a request on behalf of Knife River Corporation to discharge dredged material within wetlands and a waterway to expand an existing aggregate mine.

The Corps public notice can be found at this web address:

<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Notices/Article/3248701/nwp-2022-530/>

The Corps issued a public notice for a similar project scope proposed by Knife River Corporation on February 1, 2021. The Corps has received multiple requests from commenters to extend the public notice comment period and/or hold a public hearing for the project in response to both public notices.

The Corps' public comment period for the current project scope close on January 15, 2023, unless extended. We have determined extending the public comment period an additional 15 days is in the public interest and is hereby granted. The public notice comment period will close on January 30, 2023.

Per Corps' regulations, the Corps holds a public hearing when there is a valid public interest to be served by a hearing, such as when substantive project issues cannot be addressed by any other means and a hearing would provide additional information that is necessary for a thorough evaluation of the issues. After evaluating the public comments the Corps will determine if a public hearing is necessary.

All comments, whether by conventional mail or email, must be received no later than January 30, 2023, to ensure consideration. Comments should be submitted to the following mailing address or email address below.

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