

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has drafted a **water quality certification per Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)** requested by United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) per Public Notice No. RGP-41 (2007-2078) <https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utills/getfile/collection/p16021coll15/id/370>. The applicant proposes the renewal of the issuance of a conditional Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permit for activities implemented by the public, local, state, and federal agencies for permanent protection or repair/restore flood damages to/on those properties. This may include repair of levees to pre-damaged elevation and cross-section dimensions, including breach closure and borrow operations to obtain fill, the placement of rock for stream/ditch bank protection and bank restoration, and the restoration of stream channels/ditches to pre-flood capacity and alignment (removal of sediment and woody debris) replacement of bridges and public utilities infrastructure.

The draft certification and additional information containing the link to the USACE Public Notice will be posted on the KDHE website: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1095/Section-401-Water-Quality-Certification> on or before March 2, 2023. Persons wishing to comment on the referenced draft document must submit their comments in writing by email to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at: [KDHE.NPS@ks.gov](mailto:KDHE.NPS@ks.gov) by March 30th, 2023, if they wish to have their comments considered in the formulation of final determinations for 401 regarding this public notice.

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