



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Omaha District

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

REISSUANCE OF THE GENERIC PROHIBITIONS REGARDING THE USE OF CERTAIN MATERIALS AS FILL IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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The Omaha District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, by public notice on January 8, 1988 and again on March 21, 1994, did issue a generic prohibition against the discharge of specified materials as fill into waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). These prohibitions were resubmitted to the public for consideration of re-issuance on April 10, 2002.

Based on our evaluation of the comments received, both from the regulated public and from within the Omaha District, we have determined that these prohibitions, with modifications, are not contrary to the public interest and should be continued. The prohibitions below will become effective upon issuance of this public notice.

The following materials are hereby prohibited or restricted as fill material in waters of the United States within the regulatory boundaries of the Omaha District.

1. Vehicle bodies, farm machinery and metal junk including appliances, metal containers and metal are prohibited. Plastic barrels for flotation devices and markers are not a part of this prohibition.
2. The use of small aggregate, regardless of source, shall not be placed below the ordinary high water mark of a water body or wetland for the purpose of bank stabilization or erosion control when the proposed project will be unstable and/or subject to frequent failure.
3. The use of old or used asphalt as a fill material and the use of asphalt in general for bank stabilization or erosion control.
4. The use of organic debris as fill is prohibited. However, properly anchored trees, treetops, root wads and hay bales are to be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
5. Building materials including wood debris, sheet rock, roofing materials, brick, cinder block, and chemically treated materials subject to leaching when in an aquatic environment are prohibited. The use of clean brick, broken concrete and cinder block employed for erosion control or bank stabilization separate from other building materials will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Such materials, if approved, shall be covered by earthen materials for both aesthetics and safety. Broken concrete shall be free of exposed rebar, asphalt, or other erodable materials with each piece being no longer than 3.5 times its width.

6. Tires may be used when placed in the form of a matt or other design and anchored. Tires shall not be used in situations where the risk of design failure seems likely. Cabling with more than one wire segment will protect against structural failure by providing redundancy regarding support for the structure.

Please note that this Special Public Notice does not negate the requirement to obtain proper authorizations for any discharge of dredged or fill material into a water of the United States. Anyone considering such work is encouraged to contact the nearest field office listed below for information and assistance.

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