

NOTICE OF ORDER ADOPTING THE UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
VOLUNTARY INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED SURFACE WATER
CONTROL

In accordance with *Neb. Rev. Stat.* Section 46-744, notice is hereby given that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) on May 31, 2016, issued an order adopting a surface water control according to the voluntary Integrated Management Plan (IMP) jointly developed by the Department and the Upper Loup Natural Resources District (District). The Order will be effective July 15, 2016.

The surface water control is as follows: Establish a limit on the expansion of surface water-irrigated acres. The Department will establish an annual limit on the expansion of surface water-irrigated acres. The limit on the expansion of surface water-irrigated acres shall be a maximum of one-third of the amount the Upper Loup NRD will allow for the expansion of groundwater-irrigated acres. The Department will utilize the number of additional groundwater irrigated acres in place in the IMP area as of January 1 of each year for determining the number of additional surface water-irrigated acres that will be allowed each calendar year. The limit established on the expansion of surface water irrigated acres is for agricultural production land irrigated from a new surface water appropriation and does not include other types of irrigation use, municipal use, or industrial use.

The full text of the control is available on the Department website at www.dnr.nebraska.gov, or by submitting a request to the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94676, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676, (402) 471-2363, or at the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Office, 39252 Hwy 2, Thedford, NE 69166.