

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

APPROVAL OF AMENDED MAP NUMBER 21660

FOR SURFACE WATER APPROPRIATION A-19845

WATER DIVISION 1-D

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-19845 is held by Scott and Brenda Wiens and Shawn and Jill Wiens.
2. Appropriation A-19845 with a priority date of April 27, 2022, authorizes the use of 65.5 acre-feet of water annually from Wiens Reservoir (storage appropriation A-19844) located in Section 22, Township 03 North, Range 05 East of the 6th P.M. in Gage County for irrigation of the 119.2 acres of land described below.

<u>Township 03 North, Range 05 East of the</u>	
<u>6th P.M. in Gage County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Section 22: NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	29.6
NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	30.0
SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	29.6
SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	<u>30.0</u>
TOTAL	119.2

3. The approval of appropriation A-19845 was conditional upon the irrigation of the above land by September 1, 2025.
4. Department personnel performed a field investigation and determined that all of the 119.2 acres authorized for irrigation under A-19845 had beneficially received water prior to the September 1, 2025, deadline but the location of acres differs from approved map number 20993. The change from the original map remains within the original project concept and does not violate any rules and/or statutes and will not harm another appropriator.
5. Therefore, map number 20993 should be canceled and amended map number 21660 for an equal number of acres should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that project number 20993 is cancelled and amended project map number 21660 for appropriation A-19845 is APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The following land is authorized to be irrigated (appurtenant land) under surface water appropriation A-19845 as depicted on map number 21660, which is made a part of this Order. The water may be diverted from Wiens Section 22 Reservoir (storage appropriation A-19844) from a pump site located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 03 North, Range 05 East of the 6th P.M. in Gage County, as depicted on map number 21660.

Township 03 North, Range 05 East of the 6 th P.M. in Gage County		Acres
Section 22:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	36.9
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	37.7
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	12.5
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>32.1</u>
TOTAL		119.2

2. All terms and conditions of the approval of appropriation A-19845 remain in effect unless specifically changed by this Order.
3. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. These relevant statutory requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A. Notify the Department of any change in ownership or address.
 - B. Notify the Department of the name and address of the person responsible for the use of the water appropriation (this may include farm managers, tenants, or relatives that actually apply the water to the approved use).
 - C. Obtain approval from the Department prior to taking any action that changes the location of the point of diversion, the location of the place of use, the type of use, or the type of appropriation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Failure to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to surface water appropriations and any orders issued by the Department may result in the cancellation of the appropriation, temporary closing of the appropriation, administrative penalty, criminal prosecution, or any combination thereof.

Nebraska law provides that failure to use a portion or all of a perfected appropriation for more than five consecutive years may result in cancellation of the appropriation.

This appropriation is not a guarantee that water will be available. Nebraska law gives priority to senior appropriations. This appropriation may be closed if there is insufficient water to satisfy senior appropriations. If you are not able to divert sufficient amounts of water, and there are junior appropriations upstream, you may call for water by contacting your local field office.

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September 19, 2025

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Chief Water Officer

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 21660 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this Order and map number 21660 were mailed to the following:

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