



Alaska District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## Operations Branch

# Public Notice

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### **Section 408 Review Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Richardson Highway Bridges Replacement North Pole, Alaska**

The Alaska District (District) of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has received a request pursuant to Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408), from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF). The proposed project is to replace the northbound (#1364) and southbound (#1866) Richardson Highway bridges the span the floodway at the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project.

The proposed project could potentially alter the federally authorized Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project and therefore requires authorization from USACE. The proposed project is to replace the existing north and southbound bridges on the Richardson Highway with a single structure. The project is intended to increase load capacity and to modernize design to meet current standards. The proposed project location is shown in the attached figure. Section 408 provides authority to the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration of USACE civil works projects when the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the federal project. USACE policy and procedural guidance for processing Section 408 requests are outlined in Engineer Circular 1165-2-220.

This public notice announces the Section 408 review and requests that interested parties submit, in writing, any comments directed specifically to this review. Comments will be part of the record and considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to proceed with this action. Comments must refer to the identification number above, be postmarked by the public notice expiration date, and sent to the following address:

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For more information about the proposed project or to submit comments electronically, please email Jeremy Allen, Project Section 408 Coordinator, at [Jeremy.M.Allen@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeremy.M.Allen@usace.army.mil).