

## Aaron Thompson Nebraska Kansas Area Manager



Aaron Thompson serves as the Nebraska Kansas Area Manager based in McCook, Nebraska. In his position he represents the Great Plains Regional Director with various private, public and government stakeholders, pertaining to the management, development and protection of water and related issues. He carries out these responsibilities with a 45-person employee workforce managing Reclamation projects in Nebraska, Kansas, and a portion of eastern Colorado.

Thompson entered federal service in 2001 as a Mechanical Engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation at Hoover Dam. He later held positions as Facility Manager at Davis Dam, southeast of Las Vegas, Nev. and as Deputy Area Manager for the Wyoming Area Office. Thompson accepted the position as Nebraska Kansas Area Manager in August 2007.

NKAO projects provide water for approximately 264,000 acres of farmland as well as flood control; municipal and industrial water; recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits. The reservoirs provide approximately 56,000 acres of water surface at normal pool and 75,000 acres of adjacent land for public use. The reservoir areas are managed by a number of Federal, State, and Local entities for fish and wildlife, and recreational purposes.

Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1998 from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and a Masters in Business Administration in 2005 from the University of Phoenix.

A native of Nebraska, Thompson is married and has three children who all enjoy time at the reservoirs in Nebraska and Kansas.

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