

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 6/24/2020

ORM Number: SAS-2020-00280

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Georgia City: Blitchton County/Parish/Borough: Bryan

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.1805 Longitude -81.4403

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)2

(complete table in Section II.D).

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³					
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):					
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):					
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):					
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination	
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.	

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$:4					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
W3	1.73	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Wetland W3 is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, W3 is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.	
W4	0.44	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Wetland W4 is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, W4 is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.	
W5	0.46	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	Wetland W5 is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, W5 is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.	
W6	1.22	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Wetland W6 is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, W6 is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.	

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

\boxtimes	Information submitted by	, or on behalf o	f, the applicant/consultan	t: Approved	Jurisdictional
Det	ermination request submi	itted to the Corp	s on 3/27/2020.		

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).

- ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- ☐ Photographs: Select. Title(s) and/or date(s).
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
- ☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: NRCS Soil Map dated 3/26/2020
- □ USFWS NWI maps: National Wetlands Inventory dated 3/26/2020
- □ USGS topographic maps: USGS Topographic Map dated 3/26/2020

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information			
USGS Sources	N/A.			
USDA Sources	N/A.			
NOAA Sources	N/A.			
USACE Sources	N/A.			
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.			
Other Sources	N/A.			

- **B.** Typical year assessment(s): The data forms provided by Resource Land Consultants, LLC indicate that a they performed a wetland delineation of the project area on 2/27/2020. Using the Atecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, we have determined that normal rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: The depressional wetlands (W3-W6) displayed on the attached wetland sketch map entitled "Wetland Exhibit" and dated 5/21/2020 are non-adjacent wetlands that meet exclusion (b)(1) of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). These wetlands are approximately 1.75 miles from the nearest TNW (Ogeechee River) and approximately 250 linear feet from the FEMA mapped 100 year flood plain. These wetlands are completely surrounded by uplands, and the uplands surrounding the wetland are approximately 1-2 foot higher in elevation than the average surface elevation within the wetlands. Wetlands W3-W6 are not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, wetlands W3-W6 are not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water. The agent, Resource and Land Consultants, Inc., stated that during their site inspection no surface connection such as ditches or swales were found between these wetlands and other waters. Further, there is no evidence on aerial imagery or other data sources such as LiDAR data to indicate any connection between these features and any waters downslope during a typical year.