



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): 29-SEP-2020

ORM Number: SAS-2020-00523

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>:

State/Territory: Georgia City: Sandersville County/Parish/Borough: Washington County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.991344 Longitude -82.717065

**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 (complete table in section II.D).

**B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>**

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

**C. Clean Water Act Section 404**

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters)<sup>3</sup>

(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
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

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

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

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<sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and 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.

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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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**D. Excluded Waters or Features**

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12))<sup>4</sup>:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Ephemeral Stream 1	732 feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool	Presence of major leaf litter with minor bed-and-bank. 732 LF of channel exits a wetland and flows through a wooded area prior to exiting property.
Ephemeral Stream 2	916 feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool	Presence of major leaf litter with minor bed-and-bank. 916 LF of channel provides a shallow connection between two wetland systems, however, exhbits signs of ephemeral flow & was dry during the date of our visit.
Ephemeral Stream 3	1890 feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool	Located behind an active farm field. Presence of minor leaf litter and bed-and-bank features. 1890 LF of channel exits a wetland and flows through a wooded area prior to exiting property.
Ephemeral Stream 4	156 feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool	Located behind an active farm field. Presence of minor leaf litter and bed-and-bank features. 156 LF of channel exits a wetland and confluences downstream with Ephemeral Stream 3.

**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.

- Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: *July 14, 2020 request with supplemental descriptions of in-field characteristics of all on-site features; aerial photography (via ESRI); FEMA Floodplain Map (via ESRI);*  
This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.  
Rationale: *N/A.*
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s).*
- Photographs: *Digital photos, ranging between 6/8/2020 and 6/17/2020.*
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *September 9, 2020.*
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs):
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool:
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *Washington County, ESRI.*
- USFWS NWI maps: *Washington County, ESRI.*
- USGS topographic maps: *Washington County, 2013 National Geographic Society.*

**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.

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Other Sources

Sandersville, GA weather station, via US Climate Data web sourcing.

- B. Typical year assessment(s):** The closest weather station (Sandersville, Georgia) recorded an accumulation of 1.06 inches of precipitation within the month of June 2020. The average precipitation at the Sandersville station is 4.01 inches, however, the station this year recorded slightly over the average (at 4.02 inches), demonstrating that there was no signs of any drought at the time of the consultant's surveying of the site.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD:** Several features, such as weak hydrological connections between features, no evidence of baseflow, no ordinary high water mark or wretched vegetation, and presence of leaf litter within the channel supports the ephemeral nature of these various features throughout the site. Each stream's similar features support the determination that each of these stream channels have ephemeral characteristics within this landform, resulting in this exclusion of waters.

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