

APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 21-August-2015

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 1 of 2; SAC 2015-00174 Par III Site

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: **Lexington** City: **Lexington**
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. **34.008811° N**, Long. **81.235642° W**.
Universal Transverse Mercator: **NAD 83**

Name of nearest waterbody: **Unnamed Tributary of Fourteenmile Creek**

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: **Saluda River**

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): **03050109-14**

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: **21-August-2015**

Field Determination. Date(s): **28-February-2015**

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

Explain: .

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):¹

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: **SRPW D=457** linear feet: width (ft) and **Pond B=1.499** acres.

Wetlands: **Wetland A=0.16 acres, Wetland C=0.39 acres, Wetland E=0.85 acres, and Wetland F=0.15 acres.**

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Not Applicable, Pick List

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): .

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.

Explain: **The site has several upland dug ponds that are used for the golf course on the property. These ponds were**

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

built above where the waters on the property start. They were built in upland soils and there are no drainage patterns on the topo. The ponds receive their water from pumps. These ponds are not waters of the U.S.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. **TNW**

Identify TNW: .

Summarize rationale supporting determination: .

2. **Wetland adjacent to TNW**

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is “adjacent”: .

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are “relatively permanent waters” (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. **Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW**

(i) **General Area Conditions:**

Watershed size: **65,609 acres** ; 03050109-14

Drainage area: **36.7 acres**

Average annual rainfall: **47.22** inches

Average annual snowfall: **1.5** inches

(ii) **Physical Characteristics:**

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through **2** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **5-10** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **1-2** river miles from RPW.

Project waters are **5-10** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are **1-2** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: **Unnamed Tributary which flows to Fourteenmile Creek which flows to the Saluda River (Traditional Navigable Water).**
Tributary stream order, if known: **first.**

(b) **General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):**

Tributary is: Natural
 Artificial (man-made). Explain: .
 Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: **The seasonal RPW has a pond located on it. The pond interrupts the channel and OHWM.**

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Average width: **2** feet
Average depth: **1** feet
Average side slopes: **Pick List.**

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

Silts Sands Concrete
 Cobbles Gravel Muck
 Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover:

Other. Explain: **According to the soil survey, the tributary is surrounded by Georgeville soils. Georgeville soils are well drained, upland soils .**

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: fairly stable.

Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: **none observed.**

Tributary geometry: **Meandering.** [redacted]

Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %

(c) **Flow:**

Tributary provides for: **Seasonal flow**

Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: **20 (or greater)**

Describe flow regime: **Tributary flows during the wetter months and after heavy rain.**

Other information on duration and volume: **The tributary has a distinct channel and a clear OHWM.**

Surface flow is: **Discrete and confined.** **Characteristics:** **Water flows through channel during normal conditions.**

Subsurface flow: **Unknown.** Explain findings: .

Dye (or other) test performed: .

Tributary has (check all that apply):

Bed and banks
 OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply):
 clear, natural line impressed on the bank the presence of litter and debris
 changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation
 shelving the presence of wrack line
 vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting
 leaf litter disturbed or washed away scour
 sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events
 water staining abrupt change in plant community
 other (list):
 Discontinuous OHWM.⁷ Explain: .

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

High Tide Line indicated by: Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
 oil or scum line along shore objects survey to available datum;
 fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings;
 physical markings/characteristics vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
 tidal gauges
 other (list):

(iii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

⁶ A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

⁷Ibid.

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Explain: **The Saluda River watershed is located in the Piedmont and Sandhills region. Land use/land cover includes 41.6% urban land, 32.5% forested land, 19.2% agricultural land, 4.0% forested wetland, 1.7% water, 0.7% barren land, 0.3% nonforested wetland. In Fourteenmile Creek, aquatic uses are partially supported. There is an active NPDES facility on Fourteenmile Creek.**

Identify specific pollutants, if known: **The site has a golf course located on it and is located near several roads. There is also a pipeline that runs through the site. There is a possibility of pollutants from the golf course and roads.**

(iv) **Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics: **Seasonal RPW is surrounded by wetland.**
- Habitat for:
 - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
 - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: **This tributary provides breeding grounds for aquatic species.**
 - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
 - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: **Wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area.**

2. **Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW**

(i) **Physical Characteristics:**

(a) General Wetland Characteristics:

Properties:

Wetland size: **Wetland A=0.16 acres, Wetland C=0.39 acres, Wetland E=0.85 acres, and Wetland F=0.15 acres**

Wetland type. Explain: **Forested.**

Wetland quality. Explain: **Wetland has been impacted by pipeline right-of-way, impoundment, and upland**

development.

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: **Intermittent flow.** Explain: **Water flows from wetland during the wetter months and during times of heavy rain.**

Surface flow is: **Discrete and confined**

Characteristics: **Water flows through seasonal RPW or through low areas through the wetland.**

Subsurface flow: **Unknown.** Explain findings:

Dye (or other) test performed:

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:

Directly abutting

Not directly abutting

Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: **Wetland F is connected to the seasonal RPW off-site through a roadside ditch.**

Ecological connection. Explain:

Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **5-10** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **5-10** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Flow is from: **Wetland to navigable waters.**

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

(ii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: **The Saluda River watershed is located in the Piedmont and Sandhills region. Land use/land cover includes 41.6% urban land, 32.5% forested land, 19.2% agricultural land, 4.0% forested wetland, 1.7% water, 0.7% barren land, 0.3% nonforested wetland. In Fourteenmile Creek, aquatic uses are partially supported. There is an active NPDES facility on Fourteenmile Creek.**

Identify specific pollutants, if known: **The site has a golf course located on it and is located near several roads. There is also a pipeline that runs through the site. There is a possibility of pollutants from the golf course and roads.**

(iii) **Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
- Habitat for:
 - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
 - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: **Wetlands provide breeding ground for aquatic species.**

- Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
- Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: **Wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area.**

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: **4**
 Approximately (**1.55**) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>
Wetland A (Y)	0.16 acres	Wetland C (Y)	0.39 acres
Wetland E (Y)	0.85 acres	Wetland F (N)	0.15 acres

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: **All wetlands evaluated in this significant nexus determination which are similarly situated and adjacent (abutting and non-abutting) to the RPW are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River). These wetlands are approximately 10-15 miles from the TNW, but less than 1 mile from the closest RPW. The wetland adjacent to the seasonal RPW are forested wetlands that provides breeding grounds and foraging areas for aquatic species. They also provide habitat for wildlife in the area. These wetlands are located on the same site as a golf course and close to several roads. These wetlands trap and filter run-off from the golf course and roads before they travel downstream to the TNW. The wetlands also help to perform flow maintenance by storing flood waters during times of heavy rain and the wetter months, before they travel downstream to the TNW.**

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D: .
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: **Wetland F is adjacent to seasonal RPW D and is connected to the SRPW by a roadside ditch off-site. All**

wetlands evaluated in this significant nexus determination which are similarly situated and adjacent (abutting and non-abutting) to the RPW are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River). These wetlands are approximately 10-15 miles from the TNW, but less than 1 mile from the closest RPW. The wetland adjacent to the seasonal RPW are forested wetlands that provides breeding grounds and foraging areas for aquatic species. They also provide habitat for wildlife in the area. These wetlands are located on the same site as a golf course and close to several roads. These wetlands trap and filter run-off from the golf course and roads before they travel downstream to the TNW. The wetlands also help to perform flow maintenance by storing flood waters during times of heavy rain and the wetter months, before they travel downstream to the TNW. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the TNW, it has been determined there is a significant nexus between the relevant reach of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands to the downstream TNW.

Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs: Wetland F is adjacent to seasonal RPW D and is connected to the SRPW by a roadside ditch off-site. All wetlands evaluated in this significant nexus determination which are similarly situated and adjacent (abutting and non-abutting) to the RPW are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River). These wetlands are approximately 10-15 miles from the TNW, but less than 1 mile from the closest RPW. The wetland adjacent to the seasonal RPW are forested wetlands that provides breeding grounds and foraging areas for aquatic species. They also provide habitat for wildlife in the area. These wetlands are located on the same site as a golf course and close to several roads. These wetlands trap and filter run-off from the golf course and roads before they travel downstream to the TNW. The wetlands also help to perform flow maintenance by storing flood waters during times of heavy rain and the wetter months, before they travel downstream to the TNW. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the TNW, it has been determined there is a significant nexus between the relevant reach of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands to the downstream TNW.

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1. **TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands.** Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:

- TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
- Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.

2. **RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: .
- Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: **The seasonal tributary on-site is shown as a contour on the topo map and as intermittent on the soil survey. This tributary was observed flowing during the site visit with the Corps. The site visit was conducted during a wetter time of year. The tributary has a clear OHWM and distinct channel. Stream characteristics observed and available data led this office to conclude the tributary has a seasonal flow regime.**

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: **SRPW D=457** linear feet width (ft).
 - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: .

3. **Non-RPWs⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
 - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: .

4. **Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.
- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .

⁸See Footnote # 3.

- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow “seasonally.” Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: **Wetland A, Wetland C, and Wetland E are abutting SRPW D. This was observed in the field.**

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: **Wetland A=0.16 acres, Wetland C=0.39 acres, and Wetland E=0.85 acres.**

5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: **Wetland F=0.15 acres.**

6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.⁹

As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.

- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from “waters of the U.S.,” or
- Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
- Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

Explain: Pond B is an impoundment of SRPW D and Wetland C.

E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):¹⁰

- which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
- from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
- which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
- Interstate isolated waters. Explain: .
- Other factors. Explain: .

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: .

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: .
- Wetlands: acres.

F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
 - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in “SWANCC,” the review area would have been regulated based solely on the “Migratory Bird Rule” (MBR).
- Waters do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: .

Other: (explain, if not covered above): The site has several upland dug ponds that are used for the golf course on the property. These ponds were built above where the waters on the property start. They were built in upland soils and there are no drainage patterns on the topo. The ponds receive their water from pumps. These ponds are not waters of the U.S.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

¹⁰ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

- Lakes/ponds: acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .
- Wetlands: acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .
- Wetlands: acres.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: **Palmetto Environmental Consulting, Inc.**
- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
 - Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. This office agrees with the conclusions of the data sheets.
 - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: .
- Corps navigable waters’ study: **1977 Navigability Study.**
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: **HA 730-G, 1990.**
 - USGS NHD data.
 - USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: **1:24,000 Irmo.**
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: **(18) Georgeville.**
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: **PUBHh.**
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s): .
- FEMA/FIRM maps: .
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): **11206:143, 1999.**
 - or Other (Name & Date): **Photos 1-3 taken by PEC dated February 2, 2015, Photos 1-33 of 33 taken by USACE dated February 28, 2015.**
- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
- Applicable/supporting case law: .
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
- Other information (please specify): **Site Visit.**

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Aquatic resources documented on this form include 1 seasonal RPW, 3 abutting wetlands, an adjacent wetland, and an impoundment. RPWs amd wetlands abutting RPWs are jurisdictional according to RGL 07-01, however, the significant nexus findings for the record are included as required by Rapanos Guidance. The SRPW, wetlands, and pond documented on this form are waters of the U.S. and jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.

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SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 21-August-2015

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 2 of 2; SAC 2015-00174 Par III Site

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: **Lexington** City: **Lexington**
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. **34.008811° N**, Long. **81.235642° W**.
Universal Transverse Mercator: **NAD 83**

Name of nearest waterbody: **Unnamed Tributary of Fourteenmile Creek**

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: **Saluda River**

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): **03050109-14**

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: **21-August-2015**

Field Determination. Date(s): **28-February-2015**

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

Explain: .

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):¹

- TNWs, including territorial seas
- Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
- Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
- Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and acres.

Wetlands: **Wetland G=0.23** acres.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Not Applicable, Pick List

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): .

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.

Explain: **The site has several upland dug ponds that are used for the golf course on the property. These ponds were**

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

built above where the waters on the property start. They were built in upland soils and there are no drainage patterns on the topo. The ponds receive their water from pumps. These ponds are not waters of the U.S.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. **TNW**

Identify TNW: .

Summarize rationale supporting determination: .

2. **Wetland adjacent to TNW**

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is “adjacent”: .

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are “relatively permanent waters” (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. **Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW**

(i) **General Area Conditions:**

Watershed size: **65,609 acres** ; 03050109-14

Drainage area: **28.4 acres**

Average annual rainfall: **47.22** inches

Average annual snowfall: **1.5** inches

(ii) **Physical Characteristics:**

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through **2** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **5-10** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **1-2** river miles from RPW.

Project waters are **5-10** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are **1-2** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: **Unnamed Tributary which flows to Fourteenmile Creek which flows to the Saluda River (Traditional Navigable Water).**
Tributary stream order, if known: **first**.

(b) **General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):**

Tributary is: Natural
 Artificial (man-made). Explain: .
 Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: .

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Average width: **2** feet
Average depth: **1** feet
Average side slopes: **Pick List**.

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

Silts Sands Concrete
 Cobbles Gravel Muck
 Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover:

Other. Explain: **According to the soil survey, the tributary is surrounded by Georgeville soils. Georgeville soils are well drained, upland soils .**

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: **fairly stable.**

Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: **none observed.**

Tributary geometry: **Meandering.**

Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %

(c) **Flow:**

Tributary provides for: **Seasonal flow**

Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: **20 (or greater)**

Describe flow regime: **Tributary flows during the wetter months and after heavy rain.**

Other information on duration and volume: **The tributary has a distinct channel and a clear OHWM.**

Surface flow is: **Discrete and confined.** Characteristics: **Water flows through channel during normal conditions.**

Subsurface flow: **Unknown.** Explain findings: .

Dye (or other) test performed: .

Tributary has (check all that apply):

Bed and banks
 OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply):
 clear, natural line impressed on the bank the presence of litter and debris
 changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation
 shelving the presence of wrack line
 vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting
 leaf litter disturbed or washed away scour
 sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events
 water staining abrupt change in plant community
 other (list):
 Discontinuous OHWM.⁷ Explain: .

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

High Tide Line indicated by: Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
 oil or scum line along shore objects survey to available datum;
 fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings;
 physical markings/characteristics vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
 tidal gauges
 other (list):

(iii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Explain: **The Saluda River watershed is located in the Piedmont and Sandhills region. Land use/land cover**

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

⁶ A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

⁷Ibid.

includes 41.6% urban land, 32.5% forested land, 19.2% agricultural land, 4.0% forested wetland, 1.7% water, 0.7% barren land, 0.3% nonforested wetland. In Fourteenmile Creek, aquatic uses are partially supported. There is an active NPDES facility on Fourteenmile Creek.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: **The site has a golf course located on it and is located near several roads. There is also a pipeline that runs through the site. There is a possibility of pollutants from the golf course and roads.**

(iv) **Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics: **Seasonal RPW is surrounded by wetland.**
- Habitat for:
 - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
 - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: **This tributary provides breeding grounds for aquatic species.**
 - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
 - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: **Wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area.**

2. **Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW**

(i) **Physical Characteristics:**

(a) General Wetland Characteristics:

Properties:

Wetland size: **Wetland G=0.23** acres

Wetland type. Explain: **Forested.**

Wetland quality. Explain: **Wetland has been impacted by pipeline right-of-way, impoundment, and upland development.**

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: **Intermittent flow.** Explain: **Water flows from wetland during the wetter months and during times of heavy rain.**

Surface flow is: **Discrete and confined**

Characteristics: **Water flows through seasonal RPW or through low areas through the wetland.**

Subsurface flow: **Unknown.** Explain findings:

Dye (or other) test performed:

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:

- Directly abutting
- Not directly abutting
 - Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:
 - Ecological connection. Explain:
 - Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **5-10** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **5-10** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Flow is from: **Wetland to navigable waters.**

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

(ii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: **The Saluda River watershed is located in the Piedmont and Sandhills region. Land use/land cover includes 41.6% urban land, 32.5% forested land, 19.2% agricultural land, 4.0% forested wetland, 1.7% water, 0.7% barren land, 0.3% nonforested wetland. In Fourteenmile Creek, aquatic uses are partially supported. There is an active NPDES facility on Fourteenmile Creek.**

Identify specific pollutants, if known: **The site has a golf course located on it and is located near several roads. There is also a pipeline that runs through the site. There is a possibility of pollutants from the golf course and roads.**

(iii) **Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
- Habitat for:
 - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
 - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: **Wetlands provide breeding ground for aquatic species.**
 - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
 - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: **Wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area.**

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: **1**

Approximately (**0.23**) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>
Wetland G (Y)	0.23 acres		

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: **All wetlands evaluated in this significant nexus determination which are similarly situated and adjacent to the off-site RPW are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River). The wetland on-site is approximately 10-15 miles from the TNW, but less than 1 mile from the closest RPW (off-site). The wetland is a forested wetland that provides breeding grounds and foraging areas for aquatic species. It also provides habitat for wildlife in the area. This wetland is located on the same site as a golf course and close to several roads. The wetland traps and filters run-off from the golf course and roads before they travel downstream to the TNW. The wetland also helps to perform flow maintenance by storing flood waters during times of heavy rain and the wetter months, before they travel downstream to the TNW.**

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D: .
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .

Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs: All wetlands evaluated in this significant nexus determination which are similarly situated and adjacent to the off-site RPW are

collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River). The wetland on-site is approximately 10-15 miles from the TNW, but less than 1 mile from the closest RPW (off-site). The wetland is a forested wetland that provides breeding grounds and foraging areas for aquatic species. It also provides habitat for wildlife in the area. This wetland is located on the same site as a golf course and close to several roads. The wetland traps and filters run-off from the golf course and roads before they travel downstream to the TNW. The wetland also helps to perform flow maintenance by storing flood waters during times of heavy rain and the wetter months, before they travel downstream to the TNW. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the TNW, it has been determined there is a significant nexus between the relevant reach of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands to the downstream TNW.

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1. TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:

- TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
- Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.

2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: .
- Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow “seasonally” (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: **The seasonal tributary is located off-site and is shown as intermittent on the soil survey and as a dashed blue line on the topo. This tributary was observed flowing just off-site during the site visit with the Corps. The site visit was conducted during a wetter time of year. The tributary has a clear OHWM and distinct channel. Stream characteristics observed and available data led this office to conclude the tributary has a seasonal flow regime.**

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
 - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: .

3. Non-RPWs⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
 - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: .

4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.
 - Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .
 - Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow “seasonally.” Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: **Wetland G is directly abutting an off-site seasonal RPW.**

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: **Wetland G=0.23** acres.

5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

⁸See Footnote # 3.

- Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: _____ acres.

7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.⁹

As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.

- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from “waters of the U.S.,” or
- Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
- Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

Explain:

E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):¹⁰

- which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
- from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
- which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
- Interstate isolated waters. Explain: _____
- Other factors. Explain: _____

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: _____ linear feet _____ width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters: _____ acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: _____
- Wetlands: _____ acres.

F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
 - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in “SWANCC,” the review area would have been regulated based solely on the “Migratory Bird Rule” (MBR).
- Waters do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: _____
- Other: (explain, if not covered above): **The site has several upland dug ponds that are used for the golf course on the property. These ponds were built above where the waters on the property start. They were built in upland soils and there are no drainage patterns on the topo. The ponds receive their water from pumps. These ponds are not waters of the U.S.**

property. These ponds were built above where the waters on the property start. They were built in upland soils and there are no drainage patterns on the topo. The ponds receive their water from pumps. These ponds are not waters of the U.S.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): _____ linear feet _____ width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: _____ acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: _____ acres. List type of aquatic resource: _____
- Wetlands: _____ acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): _____ linear feet, _____ width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: _____ acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: _____ acres. List type of aquatic resource: _____
- Wetlands: _____ acres.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

¹⁰ **Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.**

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: **Palmetto Environmental Consulting, Inc.**
- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
 - Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. This office agrees with the conclusions of the data sheets.
 - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps:
- Corps navigable waters' study: **1977 Navigability Study.**
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: **HA 730-G, 1990.**
 - USGS NHD data.
 - USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: **1:24,000 Irmo.**
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: **(18) Georgeville.**
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: **PUBHh.**
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
- FEMA/FIRM maps:
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): **11206:143, 1999.**
or Other (Name & Date): **Photos 1-3 taken by PEC dated February 2, 2015, Photos 1-33 of 33 taken by USACE dated February 28, 2015.**
- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- Applicable/supporting case law:
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- Other information (please specify): **Site Visit.**

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Aquatic resources documented on this form include on wetland abutting an off-site seasonal RPW. RPWs and wetlands abutting RPWs are jurisdictional according to RGL 07-01, however, the significant nexus findings for the record are included as required by Rapanos Guidance. The wetland documented on this form is a waters of the U.S. and jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.