## 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**

Α.	REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMIN	ATION	(JD): Ma	av 3, 2018

# DISTRICT OFFICE FILE NUMBED FILE NAME. IN Form 1 of 2. SAC 2017 01726 RDVANS DAIDY DOAD SITE

В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NUMBER, FILE NAME: JD FORM 1 01 2; SAC-2017-01/20 BRYANS DAIRY ROAD SITE
С.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: Charleston County City: Johns Island Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.6568° N, Long80.0598 ° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Abbapoola Creek
	Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows:  Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 3050202  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:  ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): February 26, 2018
	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	re Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew 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.
The	re Are no "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):  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/or acres.  Wetlands: acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable): <sup>3</sup> [Including potentially jurisdictional features that upon
	assessment are NOT waters or wetlands  Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.  Explain: There are five (5) ditches (#1-#5) and three (3) wetlands (A,C and D) present within the project review area

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.
<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

that were determined to be non-jurisdictional. Ditches #1-#4 were dry at the time of the site visit, displayed no OHW mark, and had no evidence of relatively permanent flow. For these reasons, ditches #1-#4 were determined to be non-jurisdictional and not regulated by Section 404 of the CWA. In addition, the ditches had no outlet to Waters of the U.S. Ditch #1 connects Wetland C to Wetland A, ditch #2, which is the main ditch, terminates in uplands, and ditch #3 connects Wetland D to the main ditch #2. Ditch #4 extends from main ditch #2 and terminates in uplands. Ditch #5 is discussed in Form 2 of 2

Wetlands A (3.59 acres), Wetland C (0.47 acre) and Wetland D (0.21 acre) were determined to be isolated non-jurisdictional wetlands. The wetlands are surrounded by uplands and are positioned lower in the landscape than the surrounding uplands. Although there are ditches that connect the wetlands together, the ditches, as described above, terminate in uplands and have no outlet to Waters of the U.S. In addition to not having a surface hydrologic connection, the wetlands have no apparent shallow subsurface hydrologic connection, and no apparent physical, chemical, or biological connection, to Waters of the U.S. The wetlands also have no apparent ecological interconnection to Waters of the U.S. For these reasons, Wetlands A, C and D were determined to be isolated and non-jurisdictionl; therefore, they are not regulated by Section 404 of the CWA. The project review area does contain a 4<sup>th</sup> wetland, Wetland B, which is discussed in Form 2 of 2.

### 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 waterbody<sup>4</sup> 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: Pick List;
Drainage area: Pick List

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

	Ave	rage annual snowfall: inches
(ii)		sical Characteristics:  Relationship with TNW: Tributary flows directly into TNW. Tributary flows through Pick List tributaries before entering TNW.
		Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW.  Project waters are Pick List river miles from RPW.  Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from RPW.  Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> :  Tributary stream order, if known:
	(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: feet  Average depth: 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:
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Pick List.  Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:
		Subsurface flow: <b>Pick List</b> . Explain findings: . Dye (or other) test performed: .
		Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. <sup>7</sup> Explain:  the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting scour multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community

Average annual rainfall:

inches

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

				High Tide Line indicated by:    Gil or scum line along shore objects   Gine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)   Tidal gauges   Other (list):    Gil factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):   Mean High Water Mark indicated by:   Survey to available datum;   Physical markings;   Physical markings;   Vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
		(iii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: .tiffy specific pollutants, if known: .
(iv)	Bio	logica	al Ch	Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
	2.	Cha	ract	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
		(i)		Sical Characteristics:  General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
			(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Pick List  Characteristics:
				Subsurface flow: Pick List. 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 Pick List river miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Pick List. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
		(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: tify specific pollutants, if known:
		( <b>iii</b> )	Biol	logical 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:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:

		Aquatic/wildlife diversity	y. Explain findings	: .			
For	3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)  All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List  Approximately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.  For each wetland, specify the following:						
		Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)		
		Summarize overall biologics	al chemical and ph	ysical functions being perform	med:		
C	CIC	NIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINAT	-	ysical functions being perior	nieu		
C.				ties and functions of the tri	butary itself and the functions performed		
	by a of a wet Cor of v wet trib	any wetlands adjacent to the tributary TNW. For each of the following situlands, has more than a speculative or siderations when evaluating significal rater in the tributary and its proximital lands. It is not appropriate to determ	y to determine if the ations, a significant insubstantial effect in nexus include, by to a TNW, and the significant nexus ween a tributary a	ney significantly affect the cont nexus exists if the tributant on the chemical, physical but are not limited to the volue functions performed by the bused solely on any spectand the TNW). Similarly, the	chemical, physical, and biological integrity ry, in combination with all of its adjacent and/or biological integrity of a TNW. blume, duration, and frequency of the flow		
		w connections between the features dussed in the Instructional Guidebook			entified in the Rapanos Guidance and		
	•	Does the tributary, in combination wit	h its adjacent wetla	nds (if any), have the capacit	y to carry pollutants or flood waters to		
	•		h its adjacent wetla	nds (if any), provide habitat	and lifecycle support functions for fish and		
	•	other species, such as feeding, nesting. Does the tributary, in combination wit			present in the TNW?  y to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that		
		support downstream foodwebs?  Does the tributary, in combination with	-	-	-		
		biological integrity of the TNW?	n ns adjacent wena	inds (if ally), have other relati	onships to the physical, elicilical, of		
	Not belo		ot inclusive and of	ther functions observed or l	known to occur should be documented		
	1.	<b>Significant nexus findings for non-R</b> findings of presence or absence of sign			<b>directly or indirectly into TNWs.</b> Explain f, then go to Section III.D:		
	2.		or absence of signif		n-RPW flows directly or indirectly into the tributary in combination with all of its		
	3.				tly abut the RPW. Explain findings of with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to		
	Doo	umentation for the Record only: Sig	nificant nexus find	lings for seasonal RPWs an	d/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs:		
D.		FERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTION AT APPLY):	ONAL FINDINGS	. THE SUBJECT WATER	S/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL		
	1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Che TNWs: linear feet wi Wetlands adjacent to TNWs:		d provide size estimates in reacres.	eview area:		

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:
	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-RPWs <sup>8</sup> 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:
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 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 jurisidictional. 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.  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.  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:
DE O	DLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.

E.

 <sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.
 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 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.

	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:								
	ntify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:								
	vide 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.								
	N-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 Engine 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 "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): There are five (5) ditches (#1-#5) present within the project review area that we	on the							
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	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MI ors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best profegment (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: 4.27 acres.								
	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, who noting 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.	ere sucl							
SEC	ON IV: DATA SOURCES.								
A. S	PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where crequested, appropriately reference sources below):  Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Ecological Associates, Inc  Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Concurs with conclusions.  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.  Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.  Data sheets prepared by the Corps:  Corps navigable waters' study:  U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:  USGS NHD data.  USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.  U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:  USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Seabrook loam fine sand, Kiawah Loam fine sand.								
	whoo and Rutlege loam fine sand.  National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: PFO.  State/Local wetland inventory map(s):  FEMA/FIRM maps:  100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)  Photographs:  Aerial (Name & Date): Google 2018.  or □ Other (Name & Date):								
	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:								

Applicable/supporting case law: .	
Applicable/supporting scientific literature:	
Other information (please specify): .	

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project review area includes three wetlands (Wetland A, C and D) that were determined to be isolated non-jurisdictional and not regulated by Section 404 of the CWA. The project review area also include 4 ditches (#1-#4) that were determined to also be non-jurisdictional and not regulated by Section 404 of the CWA. The jurisdictional status of ditch #5 and Wetland B are discussed on Form 2 of 2.

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# **SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION** REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): May 3, 2018

# DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NUMBER, FILE NAME: JD Form 2 of 2: SAC-2017-01726 BRYANS DAIRY ROAD SITE

ъ.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME. 3D FORM 2 012, SAC-2017-01720 BRIANS DAIRT ROAD SITE
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: Charleston County City: Johns Island Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.6568° N, Long80.0598 ° W.  Universal Transverse Mercator:  Name of nearest waterbody:  Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Abbapoola Creek  Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 3050202  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:  Field Determination. Date(s): February 26, 2018
SEC A.	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	re <b>Are no</b> "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew 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.
The	re 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):   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/or acres.  Wetlands: Wetland B: 0.38 acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable): <sup>3</sup> [Including potentially jurisdictional features that upon assessment are NOT waters or wetlands]

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Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: There are five (5) ditches (#1-#5) and four (4) wetlands (A,B,C and D) present within the project review area. Wetlands A, C and D and ditches #1-#4 that are associated with those wetlands are discussed in Form 1 of 2.

This form discusses the jurisdictional status of ditch # 5. Ditch #5 connects Wetland B to Abbapoola Creek, which is a TNW. Ditch #5 had some water present during the site visit, but flowing water was not observed. In addition, the ditch appears to have been excavated from uplands, had no OHW mark, and no evidence of relatively permanent flow. For these reasons, the ditch was determined to be non-jurisdictional. However, the ditch does provide a surface hydrologic connection from Wetland B to the TNW. The jurisdictional status of Wetland B is discussed in Section III A.

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#### 1. TNW

Identify TNW: Abbapoola Creek.

Summarize rationale supporting determination: Abbapoola Creek is a tidal creek, a Section 10 water and therefore considered a TNW.

#### 2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": Wetland B is adjacent to the TNW by means of a non-jurisdictional ditch (#5) that provides a direct surface hydrologic connection from Wetland B to the TNW. Therefore, Wetland B is jurisdictional and subject to regulation under Section 404 of the CWA.

### 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 waterbody<sup>4</sup> 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: Pick List;
Drainage area: Pick List
Average annual rainfall: inches
Average annual snowfall: inches

#### (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

	☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW. ☐ Tributary flows through <b>Pick List</b> tributaries before entering TNW.
	Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW.  Project waters are Pick List river miles from RPW.  Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from RPW.  Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
	Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> :  Tributary stream order, if known:
(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: feet  Average depth: 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:
	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:  Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:  Tributary geometry: Pick List.  Tributary gradient (approximate average slope):  %
(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
	Surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics: .
	Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings:  Dye (or other) test performed:
	Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. <sup>7</sup> Explain:  the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):  High Tide Line indicated by:  Oil or scum line along shore objects  Fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)  Mean High Water Mark indicated by:  Survey to available datum;  physical markings;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

				☐ physical markings/characteristics ☐ vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types. ☐ tidal gauges ☐ other (list):
		(iii)	Charac E	ical Characteristics: cterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.) explain: fy specific pollutants, if known:
(iv)	Bio	logica	R   W   H   C   C   C   C   C   C   C   C   C	racteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Liparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Labitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
	2.	Cha	racteri	istics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
		(i)	(a) <u>Q</u> P (b) <u>Q</u> F S (c) <u>V</u>	cal Characteristics: General Wetland Characteristics: Froperties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Froject wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Froject wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Froject wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Froject Wetland Relationship with Non-TNW: Froject List. Explain:  Urface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:  Ubsurface flow: Pick List. Characteristics:  Usunda Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: Directly abutting Not directly abutting Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Ecological connection. Explain: Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
			P P F	roximity (Relationship) to TNW  roject wetlands are Pick List river miles from TNW.  roject waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  Row is from: Pick List.  Sestimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
		(ii)	Charac cl	ical Characteristics: cterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed haracteristics; etc.). Explain: fy specific pollutants, if known:
		(iii)		cipical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):  Liparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):  Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:  Labitat for:  Federally Listed species. Explain findings:  Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:  Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
	3.	Cha	All we	istics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) etland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List eximately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

#### 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:

 $\textbf{Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs: \\$ 

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: Wetland B: 0.38 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:
	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-RPWs <sup>8</sup> 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:
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 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 jurisidictional. 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.  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.  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:
SUC DE	OLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH 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:

E.

 <sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.
 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 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.

	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): There are five (5) ditches (#1-#5) and four (4) wetlands (A,B,C and D) present within the project review area. Wetlands A, C and D and ditches #1-#4 that are associated with those wetlands are discussed in Form 1 of 2.
	This form discusses the jurisdictional status of ditch #5. Ditch #5 connects Wetland B to Abbapoola Creek, which is a TNW. Ditch #5 had some water present during the site visit, but flowing water was not observed. In addition, the ditch appears to have been excavated from uplands, had no OHW mark, and no evidence of relatively permanent flow. For these reasons, the ditch was determined to be non-jurisdictional. However, the ditch does provide a surface hydrologic connection from Wetland B to the TNW. The jurisdictional status of Wetland B is discussed in Section III A
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> 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.
	CCTION IV: DATA SOURCES.  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: Ecological Associates, Inc  Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Concurs with conclusions.  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.  Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.  Data sheets prepared by the Corps:  Corps navigable waters' study:  U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:  USGS NHD data.  USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.  U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:  USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Seabrook loam fine sand, Kiawah Loam fine sand,  Dawhoo and Rutlege loam fine sand.  National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: PFO.  State/Local wetland inventory map(s):  FEMA/FIRM maps:  100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)  Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): Google 2018.  or □ Other (Name & Date):  Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
	Applicable/supporting case law: Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

Other information (please specify):	
Other information (please specify).	

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Wetland B was determined to be jurisdictional and regulated by Section 404 of the CWA. Ditch #5 was determined to be non-jurisdictional and not regulated by Section 404 of the CWA. The jurisdictional status of ditches #1-#4 and Wetlands A, C and D are discussed on Form 1 of 2.