



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

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 30-APR-2021

ORM Number: SAC-2021-00026

Associated JDs: N/A

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

State: SC City: Estill County: Hampton County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.7243 Longitude -81.2452

**II. FINDINGS**

**A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list **MUST** be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
- There are “navigable waters of the United States” within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.B).
- There are “waters of the United States” within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in section II.C).
- There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.D).

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

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

**C. Clean Water Act Section 404**

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

(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):

(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):

(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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



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**D. Excluded Waters or Features**

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

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Excluded Water 1 (Ditch)	760 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Excluded Water 1 was excavated entirely from uplands and does not meet the criteria of a jurisdictional water. The feature is neither naturally occurring, a diversion of a tributary, nor constructed within the boundaries of an adjacent wetland. The feature is located within along the northern boundary of the site. Flow within the feature appears to be in response to precipitation and runoff from the surrounding areas higher in elevation.
Excluded Water 2 (Ditch)	165 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Excluded Water 2 was excavated entirely from uplands and does not meet the criteria of a jurisdictional water. The feature is neither naturally occurring, a diversion of a tributary, nor constructed within the boundaries of an adjacent wetland. The feature is located within the western portion of the site. Flow within the feature appears to be in response to precipitation and runoff from the surrounding areas higher in elevation.

**III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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

**X** Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: *Jurisdictional determination request with maps, data sheets, and site pictures submitted on December 22, 2020, by the applicant’s consultant, ECS Southeast, LLP. Project site map titled: “PECAN SITE / STEEP BOTTOM ROAD, / ESTILL, / HAMPTON COUNTY, / SOUTH CAROLINA”, dated: July 31, 2020.*

This information *is* sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: *N/A*.

     Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *N/A*

**X** Photographs: *(aerial and other) site pictures and maps submitted by ECS Southeast, dated August 6, 2020; Google Earth Aerials dated November 6, 2014; USGS National Map 3D Elevation Program (3DEP).*

     Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *N/A*

     Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): *N/A*

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- X Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- X USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *NRCS / Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) Map Service, Hampton County, depicts two soil types within the project site including Rains fine sandy loam (0-2% slopes) and Pelham loamy sand (0-2% slopes). All on-site soils are listed as hydric for Sumter County in the 2017 South Carolina Hydric Soils List.*
- X USFWS NWI maps: *USFWS NWI - Wetlands Raster REST Map Service dated May 29, 2012, updated July 17, 2020, depicts one blue line feature, oriented north-south, cutting through the western section the project site. The blue line feature is at the approximate location of Excluded Water 2.*
- X USGS topographic maps: *USGS Topographic Maps / 7.5 Minute Index / Furman Quad / 1:24000 depicts forested site with one dashed blue line feature (indicating less than perennial flow), oriented north-south, cutting through the western section the project site. The blue line feature is at the approximate location of Excluded Water 2, and is consistent with NWI maps.*

**Other data sources used to aid in this determination:**

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	SAC Regulatory Viewer accessed on January 15, 2021
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

**B. Typical year assessment(s):** N/A

**C. Additional comments to support AJD:** *Site resides wholly within an actively managed forestry site directly adjacent to an existing utility (electrical power) substation. Aquatic resources within the project site were excavated from uplands for the sole purpose of storm-water management and do not recharge nor drain a water of the United States; therefore, these aquatic resources (Excluded Waters 1 and Excluded Waters 2) are excluded from Jurisdiction under the 2020 NWPR.*

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