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): 7-January-2016

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 1 of 3; SAC 2014-01189 Wesley Commons

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
State: South Carolina
County/parish/borough: Greenwood
City: Greenwood
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 34.177541° N, Long. 82.127232° W.
Universal Transverse Mercator: NAD 83
Name of nearest waterbody: Brightmans Creek
Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Saluda River
Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03050109-07 Saluda
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: 7-January-2016
Field Determination. Date(s): 1-December-2014

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: SA=2,362.62 linear feet and SWA=0.5 acres.
      Wetlands: WA=0.45 acres, WB=0.05 acres, WC=0.01 acres, WD=0.01 acres and WH=0.04 acres.
   
   c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Established by OHWM, 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: .

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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.
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 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: 91,972 acres; 03050109-07 Ninety Six Creek
      Drainage area: 162 acres
      Average annual rainfall: 45.74 inches
      Average annual snowfall: 1.9 inches

   (ii) Physical Characteristics:
      (a) Relationship with TNW:
         [ ] Tributary flows directly into TNW.
         [X] Tributary flows through 4 tributaries before entering TNW.
         Project waters are 20-25 river miles from TNW.
         Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.
         Project waters are 15-20 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
         Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.
         Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .
         Identify flow route to TNW: Brightmans Creek which flows to Wilson Creek which flows to Ninety-Six Creek which flows to the Saluda River (Traditional Navigable Water).
         Tributary stream order, if known: .

4 Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.
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.
(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: 3 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 Enon soils. Enon soils are sandy, well-drained soils.

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:
- Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: none observed.
- Tributary geometry: Meandering.
- Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %

(c) Flow:

Tributary provides for:
- Perennial flow

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

Describe flow regime: The tributary flows year round during normal conditions.

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

Surface flow is:
- Discrete and confined.
- Characteristics: Tributary flows in channel during normal conditions.

Subsurface flow:
- Unknown
- Explain findings:
- Dye (or other) test performed:

Tributary has (check all that apply):
- Bed and banks
- OHWM\(^6\) (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.\(^7\) 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
  - fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
  - physical markings/characteristics
  - 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 tributary is located in the Ninety Six Creek Watershed. This watershed includes 55.6% forested land, 24.5% agricultural land, 15.9% urban land, 2.8% forested wetland (swamp), 0.6% water, and 0.6% barren land.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: Possible pollutants from nearby roads and development.

\(^6\)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.

\(^7\)Ibid.
(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):
- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Tributary provides breeding grounds for aquatic species.
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Tributary provides 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: WC=0.01 acres and WD=0.01 acres
- Wetland type. Explain: Forested.
- Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
Flow is: Ephemeral flow. Explain: Wetlands flow to SA after heavy rain.

Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow
Characteristics: .

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: The wetlands are connected to SA through SWA (an impoundment).
- Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: .

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW:
- Project wetlands are 20-25 river miles from TNW.
- Project waters are 15-20 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 wetlands are located in the Ninety Six Creek Watershed. This watershed includes 55.6% forested land, 24.5% agricultural land, 15.9% urban land, 2.8% forested wetland (swamp), 0.6% water, and 0.6% barren land.
- Identify specific pollutants, if known: Possible pollutants from nearby roads and development.

(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 grounds 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: 5
Approximately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.
For each wetland, specify the following:

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<td>WB (Y)</td>
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Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: The wetlands documented in this review are similarly situated and adjacent (abutting and non-abutting) to the perennial RPW (SA) and are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions. Wetlands WA, WB, and WH are directly abutting SA and wetlands WC and WD are adjacent, but non-abutting. These wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area and provide breeding grounds for aquatic species. They also filter possible pollutants from the nearby road and development before they travel downstream. These wetlands also provide storage for flood waters during times of heavy rain and during wetter months.

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. The wetlands documented in this review are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions. Wetlands WC and WD are adjacent, but non-abutting. These wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area and provide breeding grounds for aquatic species. They also filter possible pollutants from the nearby road and development before they travel downstream. These wetlands also provide storage for flood waters during times of heavy rain and during wetter months. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River), 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:

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: SA is a perennial tributary. It is shown as perennial on the soil survey and a dashed blue line on the topo. This tributary has a clear OHWM, distinct channel, and drainage area of approximately 162 acres. It was observed flowing during the Corps site visit and when flagged by the consultant. Stream characteristics observed and available data led this office to conclude the tributary has a perennial flow regime.
   - 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: SA=2,362.62 linear feet width (ft).
   - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
   - Identify type(s) of waters:

3. Non-RPWs* 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 WA, WB, and WH are directly abutting perennial RPW SA.
   - 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: WA=0.45 acres, WB=0.05 acres, and WH=0.04 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: WC=0.01 acres and WD=0.01 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

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*See Footnote # 3.
* To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
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: SWA is an impoundment of wetlands adjacent to SA. It is connected to SA by an ephemeral outflow drainage

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):  .

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):

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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: Environmental Services, 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.
- USGS NHD data.
- USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Greenwood Soil Survey 18; Mecklenburg, Enon.

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\(^{10}\) 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.
B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The aquatic resources documented on this form include 1 perennial RPW, 5 adjacent wetlands (abutting and non-abutting), and one impoundment. Some of the wetlands are non-abutting so a significant nexus determination was performed. Based on the documentation provided in Section III, C of this form, the nexus between the RPW (and its adjacent wetlands) and the downstream TNW is significant. The waters documented on this form are waters of the U.S. and jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.
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      b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:
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         - Wetlands: WK=0.12 acres, WI=0.17 acres, WJ=0.02 acres, and WG=0.34 acres.
         *SF and SF Extend are the same tributary. SF Extend goes off-site and then back on-site as SF. For the purposes of this form, they will be called SF.
      c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Established by OHWM, Pick List
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SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

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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 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^ 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: 91,972 acres ; 03050109-07 Ninety Six Creek
      Drainage area: SE=16.69 acres and SG=5.8 acres
      Average annual rainfall: 45.74 inches
      Average annual snowfall: 1.9 inches
   (ii) Physical Characteristics:
      (a) Relationship with TNW:
         ☑ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
         ☑ Tributary flows through 4 tributaries before entering TNW.
      Project waters are 20-25 river miles from TNW.
      Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.
      Project waters are 15-20 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
      Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.
      Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: 

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^ 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 TNW: Brightmans Creek which flows to Wilson Creek which flows to Ninety-Six Creek which flows to the Saluda River (Traditional Navigable Water).

Tributary stream order, if known: 

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

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

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):
- Average width: 2 feet
- Average depth: 2 feet
- Average side slopes: Pick List.

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):
- [ ] Silts
- [ ] Sands
- [ ] Concrete
- [ ] Cobbles
- [ ] Gravel
- [ ] Muck
- [X] Bedrock
- [ ] Vegetation. Type/cover: 
- [X] Other. Explain: According to the soil survey, the SG and SE are by Enon soils. Enon soils are sandy, well-drained soils. SF is surrounded by .

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


Tributary geometry: Meandering. 
Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %

(c) Flow:
Tributary provides for: SE and SG have Seasonal flow, SF has perennial flow.

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

Describe flow regime: SE and SG flow during the wetter months and after heavy rain and SF flows year round during normal conditions.

Other information on duration and volume: The tributaries have a clear OHWM and distinct channels.

Surface flow is: Discrete and confined. Characteristics: Tributaries flow in channel during normal conditions.

Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: 
- [ ] Dye (or other) test performed: 

Tributary has (check all that apply):
- [X] Bed and banks
- [X] OHWM (check all indicators that apply):
  - [X] clear, natural line impressed on the bank
  - [ ] changes in the character of soil
  - [ ] shelving
  - [ ] vegetation matted down, bent, or absent
  - [X] leaf litter disturbed or washed away
  - [ ] sediment deposition
  - [ ] water staining
  - [ ] other (list):
- [X] Discontinuous OHWM. 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: 
  - [ ] oil or scum line along shore objects
  - [ ] fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
  - [ ] physical markings/characteristics
  - [ ] other (list):
- [X] Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
  - [ ] survey to available datum;
  - [ ] physical markings;
  - [ ] vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

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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.
6A 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 tributaries are located in the Ninety Six Creek Watershed. This watershed includes 55.6% forested land, 24.5% agricultural land, 15.9% urban land, 2.8% forested wetland (swamp), 0.6% water, and 0.6% barren land.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: Possible pollutants from nearby roads and development.

(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):
- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Habitat for: .
- Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
- Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Tributaries provide breeding grounds for aquatic species.
- Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
- Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Tributaries 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: WK=0.12 acres, WI=0.17 acres, WJ=0.02 acres, and WG=0.34 acres
- Wetland type. Explain: Forested, located in floodplain of SF.
- Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
Flow is: Ephemeral flow. Explain: Wetlands flow to SF after heavy rain.

Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow
Characteristics: .

Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: .
- Dye (or other) test performed: .

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
- Directly abutting. WG is directly abutting SG (seasonal RPW).
- Not directly abutting .
- Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Ecological connection. Explain: WK, WI, and WJ are located in floodplain of SF, they flow overland during times of heavy rain.
- Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: .

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW
Project wetlands are 20-25 river miles from TNW.
Project waters are 15-20 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 wetlands are located in the Ninety Six Creek Watershed. This watershed includes 55.6% forested land, 24.5% agricultural land, 15.9% urban land, 2.8% forested wetland (swamp), 0.6% water, and 0.6% barren land.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: Possible pollutants from nearby roads and development.

(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 grounds 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: 5
Approximately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.
For each wetland, specify the following:

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Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: The wetlands documented in this review are similarly situated and adjacent (abutting and non-abutting) to the perennial RPW (SA) and are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions. Wetlands WK, WI, and WJ are adjacent to SF, a perennial RPW, and Wetland WG is abutting SG, a seasonal RPW. These wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area and provide breeding grounds for aquatic species. They also filter possible pollutants from the nearby road and development before they travel downstream. These wetlands also provide storage for flood waters during times of heavy rain and during wetter months.

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: The wetlands documented in this review are similarly situated and adjacent (abutting and non-abutting) to the perennial RPW (SA) and are collectively performing biological, chemical, and physical functions. Wetlands WK, WI, and WJ are adjacent to SF, a perennial RPW. These wetlands provide habitat for wildlife in the area and provide breeding grounds for aquatic species. They also filter possible pollutants from the nearby road and development before they travel downstream. These wetlands also provide storage for flood waters during times of heavy rain and during wetter months. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River), 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: SE and SG are seasonal tributaries that flow directly into SF, a perennial tributary. WG is a wetland directly abutting SG. These seasonal tributaries, and adjacent wetland, are performing a variety of functions that relate to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the TNW. These tributaries and wetland provide breeding grounds for aquatic species and habitat for wildlife in the area. They help to filter run-off and pollutants before they travel to the downstream TNW. These tributaries and wetland also provide flood storage during times of heavy rain and during the wetter months. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the downstream TNW (Saluda River), 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: SF (SF and SF Extend) is a perennial tributary. It is a named tributary that is shown as perennial on the soil survey and as a blue line on the topo. This tributary has a clear OHWM and distinct channel. It was observed flowing during the Corps site visit and when flagged by the consultant. Stream characteristics observed and available data led this office to conclude the tributary has a perennial flow regime.

   - 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: SG and SE are seasonal tributaries that flow directly into SF. SG has a drainage area of approximately 5.8 acres and SE has a drainage area of approximately 16.69 acres. The drainage areas of the tributaries are located entirely within the site. These tributaries are show as drainage features on the topo. They have 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: SF=1,407.48 linear feet, SF extend=436.67 linear feet, SG=32.34 linear feet, and SE=26.22 linear feet width (ft).
   - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
   - Identify type(s) of waters: .

3. Non-RPWs\(^8\) 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: WG=0.34 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.

\(^8\)See Footnote # 3.
Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: WK=0.12 acres, WI=0.17 acres, and WJ=0.02 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:

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): .

   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.

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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: Environmental Services, 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.
- USGS NHD data.
- USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24,00 Greenwood.
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Greenwood Soil Survey 18; Mecklenburg, Enon.
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: .
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s): .
- FEMA/FIRM maps: .
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): 11195:11, 1999.
  or Other (Name & Date): Photos 1-10 of 10 submitted by ESI dated October 2014.
- 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: The aquatic resources documented on this form include one perennial RPW, 3 adjacent wetlands, and one seasonal RPW with an abutting wetland. Some of the wetlands are non-abutting and there are seasonal RPWs so a significant nexus determination was performed. Based on the documentation provided in Section III, C of this form, the nexus between the RPW (and its adjacent wetlands) and the downstream TNW is significant. The waters documented on this form are waters of the U.S. and jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.
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): 7-January-2016
B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 3 of 3; SAC 2014-01189 Wesley Commons
C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
   State: South Carolina      County/parish/borough: Greenwood       City: Greenwood
   Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 34.177541° N, Long. 82.127232° W.  
   Universal Transverse Mercator: NAD 83
   Name of nearest waterbody: Brightmans Creek
   Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Saluda River
   Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03050109-07 Saluda
   □ 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: 7-January-2016
   □ Field Determination. Date(s): 1-December-2014

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):  
         □ 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: SB=410.39 linear feet, SC=529.67 linear feet, and SD=133.85 linear feet and acres.
         Wetlands: WE=0.16 acres and WF=0.32 acres.
         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: .

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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.
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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: acres
      Drainage area: acres
      Average annual rainfall: inches
      Average annual snowfall: inches

   (ii) Physical Characteristics:
      (a) 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 TNW⁵: .
         Tributary stream order, if known: .

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

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.
(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
- [ ] Cobble
- [ ] 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.** Explain: 

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**: **Unknown.** Explain findings: 
- [ ] Dye (or other) test performed: 

**Tributary** has (check all that apply):
- [ ] Bed and banks
- [ ] OHWM\(^6\) (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.\(^7\) 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
  - fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
  - physical markings/characteristics
  - 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: 

Identify specific pollutants, if known: 

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

- [ ] Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): 
- [ ] Wetland fringe. Characteristics: 
- [ ] Habitat for: 

\(^6\)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.

\(^7\)Ibid.
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: 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
      Surface flow is: Pick List
      Characteristics:
      Subsurface flow: Pick List
      Dye (or other) test performed:
   (c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
      Directly abutting. WG is directly abutting SG (seasonal RPW).
      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) Chemical Characteristics:
   Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain:
   Identify specific pollutants, if known:

(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:
   Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
   Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

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:

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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: .

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: 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: SB, SC, and SD are all perennial tributaries. These tributaries have clear OHWMs and distinct
channels. These tributaries were observed flowing at the time of the Corps site visit and during flagging. Stream characteristics observed and available data led this office to conclude the tributaries have a perennial flow regime.

☐ 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: SB=410.39 linear feet, SC=529.67 linear feet, and SD=133.85 linear feet width (ft).
☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres.
Identify type(s) of waters: .

3. Non-RPWs\(^8\) 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: WE is directly abutting SB and WF is directly abutting SC.

☐ 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: WE=0.16 acres and WF=0.32 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.

☐ 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.

\(^8\)See Footnote # 3.
\(^9\) 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.
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):

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.

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: Environmental Services, 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.
- USGS NHD data.
- USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24,000 Greenwood.
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Greenwood Soil Survey 18; Mecklenburg, Enon.
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s):  
- FEMA/FIRM maps:  
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): 11195:11, 1999, or Other (Name & Date): Photos 1-10 of 10 submitted by ESI dated October 2014.
- 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: The aquatic resources documented on this form include three perennial RPWs and two abutting wetlands. Based on guidance in RGL 07-01, perennial RPWs and abutting wetlands are subject to jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. The waters documented on this form are waters of the U.S. and jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.