



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY PROGRAM
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NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): October 6, 2020

ORM Number: SAC-2020-01001

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹:

State: SC City: Beaufort County: Beaufort County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.4674 Longitude -80.7678

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
- 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)²

§ 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)³

(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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⁵ 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))⁴:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Excluded Water Wetland Area 1	3.15 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is a closed boundary polygon that is not contiguous to or directly abutting an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. In addition, this wetland does not meet any of the other (a)(4) criteria for adjacency and thus is an excluded water pursuant to (b)(1).
Excluded Water Wetland Area 2	1.75 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is a closed boundary polygon that is not contiguous to or directly abutting an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. In addition, this wetland does not meet any of the other (a)(4) criteria for adjacency and thus is an excluded water pursuant to (b)(1).
Excluded Water Wetland Area 3	1.62 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This wetland is a closed polygon boundary that is not contiguous or directly abutting an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. In addition, this wetland does not meet any of the other (a)(4) criteria for adjacency and thus is an excluded water pursuant to (b)(1). Please see Section (C) for more information.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

- Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: *Request for Corps Jurisdictional Determination (JD) / Delineation dated July 8, 2020.*
This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
Rationale: *The Corps agrees with the conclusions of the submitted data sheets and submittal Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).*
- Photographs: *Beaufort County Commerce Park – Site Photographs and Aerial: Beaufort County Commerce Park – Wetland Depiction submitted as part of the July 8, 2020 JD request.*
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *N/A*
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): *SAC-2007-00342-1T, AJD dated October 11, 2007 and AJD dated March 21, 2013.*
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *N/A*
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *Beaufort County Commerce Park – Soil Map submitted as part of the July 8, 2020 JD request.*
- USFWS NWI maps: *Beaufort County Commerce Park dated June 30, 2020.*
- USGS topographic maps: *Beaufort County Commerce Park – Quad Map (Laurel Bay, SC Quadrangle) submitted as part of the July 8, 2020.*

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

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

C. Additional comments to support AJD: Excluded Water Wetland Area 3 continues off-site to the southeast emptying into a man made ditch. According to an AJD (SAC-2007-00342-1T) dated March 21, 2013, the aforementioned ditch is referenced as a “Utility/Drainage Easement”, excavated from uplands, not exhibiting an ordinary high water mark and possessed no evidence of relatively permanent flow. According to the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, a ditch cannot render an otherwise isolated wetland an “adjacent wetland” and thus jurisdictional on that basis, unless the ditch itself is a tributary. Therefore, Excluded Water Wetland Area 3 is determined to be a non-jurisdictional (b)(1) excluded water and not subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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