

## 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-SEP-2020

ORM Number: SAC-2019-00653

Associated JDs: Previous JD dated November 14, 2019 (Rapanos)

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

State/Territory: SC City: Hardeeville County/Parish/Borough: Jasper County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.18749° Longitude -81.071796°

### II. FINDINGS

Α.	<b>Summary:</b> 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)<sup>2</sup>

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	§ 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):

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(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
Wetland A(1)	18.139 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3)	Wetland A is part of a larger divided wetland system of
		water	Monkey John Swamp that continues offsite has a direct

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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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			hydrologic connection to the tidally influence wetlands (A1 water) of the Savannah River.
Wetland C(1)	25.642 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water	Wetland C is part of a larger divided wetland system of Monkey John Swamp that continues offsite has a direct hydrologic connection to the tidally influence wetlands (A1 water) of the Savannah River via a series of culverts under a railroad bed and US Highway 17 that provides flow to downstream waters in a typical year

## D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

<b>Exclusion Name</b>	Exclusion Size	Exclusion⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Mining Pit A	1.212 acres	(b)(9) Water-filled depression constructed/excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water incidental to mining/construction or pit excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water to obtain fill/sand/gravel	Mining Pit A is a water-filled depression that was excavated entirely in uplands and was excavated for the purpose of a mining operation. Mining Pit A has no connection/outfall to any downstream water.
Mining Pit B	1.325 acres	(b)(9) Water-filled depression constructed/excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water incidental to mining/construction or pit excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water to obtain fill/sand/gravel	Mining Pit B is a water-filled depression that was excavated entirely in uplands and was excavated for the purpose of a mining operation. Mining Pit B has no connection/outfall to any downstream water.
Mining Pit C	0.298 acres	(b)(9) Water-filled depression constructed/excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water incidental to mining/construction or pit excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water to obtain fill/sand/gravel	Mining Pit C is a water-filled depression that was excavated entirely in uplands and was excavated for the purpose of a mining operation. Mining Pit C has no connection/outfall to any downstream water.
Mining Pit D	0.818 acres	(b)(9) Water-filled depression constructed/excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water incidental to mining/construction or pit excavated in upland/non-jurisdictional water to obtain fill/sand/gravel	Mining Pit D is a water-filled depression that was excavated entirely in uplands and was excavated for the purpose of a mining operation. Mining Pit D has no connection/outfall to any downstream water.
Wetland B(1)	0.799 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	The 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 other (a)(4) criteria for adjacency and thus is an excluded water pursuant to (b)(1).

### 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.

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_^_ _X_	Environmental. This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: N/A Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s). Photographs: Aerial and site photographs provided by Newkirk Environmental. Google Earth Street View
_x_ _x_	under the Rapanos Guidance. Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAC-2019-00653 dated November
<u>=</u>	14, 2019. Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B. USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Title(s) and/or date(s). USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s). USGS topographic maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).

### 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	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

- B. Typical year assessment(s): Please note that the APT was not utilized due to the inability to install the program. Based on photos provided by the consultant, as well as a review of Google Earth Street view, and aerial photography, the review date was considered by the Corps to be within a "typical year". This would not bring the adjacency of Wetlands A and C into question as the wetlands of Monkey John Swamp directly abuts a TNW. As such, no additional documentation or resources are necessary to assert jurisdiction of wetlands A and C.
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: Request for an AJD under the NWPR for a parcel that previously received an AJD.

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