

# 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): September 29, 2020 ORM Number: SAC-2019-01623

Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>:

State/Territory: SC City: Bluffton County/Parish/Borough: Beaufort County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.230498 Longitude -80.853789

#### 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
1	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):

Γ	(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):

Γ	(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  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

<b>Exclusion Name</b>	Exclusion Size	<b>Exclusion</b> ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
ditch	0.01 acres	(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)	Based on a review of the wetland determination data forms and offsite resource information, the ditch was excavated from uplands. The ditch originates offsite on the northeast side of Devonwood Drive, continues through the site and then to the south of the site.
Pond 1	0.26 acres	(b)(8) Artificial lake/pond constructed or excavated in upland or a non-jurisdictional water, so long as the artificial lake or pond is not an impoundment of a jurisdictional water that meets (c)(6)	Based on a review of the wetland determination data forms and offsite resource information, pond 1 is an open water feature that was excavated from uplands, potentially for the purpose of obtaining borrow or fill material. The pond is a closed polygon surrounded by uplands.
Pond 2	0.29 acres	(b)(8) Artificial lake/pond constructed or excavated in upland or a non-jurisdictional water, so long as the artificial lake or pond is not an impoundment of a jurisdictional water that meets (c)(6)	Based on a review of the wetland determination data forms and offsite resource information, pond 2 is an open water feature that was excavated from uplands, potentially for the purpose of obtaining borrow or fill material. The pond is a closed polygon surrounded by uplands.

# 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: S&ME
  - \_ This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
  - Rationale: *N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).*
  - \_\_\_\_ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s)*.
  - Photographs: Google 2019
  - Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
  - Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
  - \_\_\_\_ Antecedent Precipitation Tool: <u>N/A</u>
  - X\_ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Leno fine sand
  - X USFWS NWI maps: Upland.
  - X USGS topographic maps: Bluffton

#### 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.	

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- B. Typical year assessment(s): N/A
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: The project area contains upland and excluded waters (b)(5) and (b)(9). Therefore, the project area is not subject to regulation by Section 404 of the CWA.

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