

## 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): 7/23/2020 ORM Number: SAM-2018-00994-JSC Associated JDs: SAM-2014-01237-JSC

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Alabama City: Hardaway County/Parish/Borough: Macon Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.244583 Longitude -85.784333

## **II. FINDINGS**

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

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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# D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>						
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
Ephemeral Channel	800	linear feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool.	This stream feature only flows in response to rainfall events. The ephemeral channel has been heavily impacted by cattle traffic and lacks wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophytic vegetation within channel below OHWM, which are all factors that would be indicative of more than ephemeral flow.		
Isolated Stock Pond	1.5	acre(s)	(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).	Man-made stock watering pond that does not impound a jurisdictional water.		
Upland Swale	190	linear feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool.	The swale lacks a defined OHWM and has been heavily impacted by cattle. No hydrophytic vegetation or hydric soils were observed in or surrounding the shallow depression. Factors indicative of more than ephemeral flow are absent.		

# 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: Updated Jurisdictional Determination Request dated 1/23/2020
    - 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: Aerial and Other: 2018 Google Earth color aerial photgraphs and site specific color digital photographs taken February 5, 2019.

- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: November 2, 2018, and Februry 5, 2019.
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAM-2014-01237-JSC, March 2, 2015
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: NRCS Soil Survey Map submitted by the agent. Soil Survey Staff, Natural
- Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Web Soil Survey, National

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area. <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)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>o</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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Cooperative Soil Survey Version 17 Sept. 16, 2019, Macon County, Alabama. Available online at http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/

USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).

USGS topographic maps: Hardaway, AL and Thompson, AL 7.5 Minute USGS Topographic Map at 1:24,000

# 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.

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

- B. Typical year assessment(s): N/A
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: Field observations and the wetland delineation report provided by Terracon, Inc., indicate the ephemeral feature conducts brief, precipitation driven flow. The headwaters of the ephemeral feature begin off-site, but within the boundaries of previously evaluated project area SAM-2014-01237-JSC.