

### 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): 1/14/2021 ORM Number: SAM-2020-01104-JLB Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: AL City: Cullman County/Parish/Borough: Cullman Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 34.131929 Longitude -86.818123

#### **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: Based on review of the agent's delineation report (Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants, Inc.) and available desktop resources including Web Soil Survey mapping, USGS topographic mapping, aerial photography, and current site-specific photos, the JD review area consists of upland/non-wetland, dry lands. Aerial photography shows the 3.89-acre area that would be impacted by the proposed residential development in Cullman County is a dry land area. Desktop resources evaluated also indicate the JD review area lacks perennial or intermittent tributaries or associated wetlands. Desktop resources do reveal an erosional rill has developed in the cleared and graded uplands in the southeast corner of the parcel. This is an erosional feature that has developed since clearing and grading of the property occurred and did not exist as a natural drainage feature prior to the clearing/grading activities. The erosion rill may, during extreme precipitation events, direct sediment and stormwater runoff toward an off-site man-made roadside ditch within the U.S. Hwy 31 right-of-way, but typically is contained entirely within the property and does not have a direct physical channel connection to the ditch; therefore, the erosion rill does not contribute flow to the roadside ditch or any downstream (a)(1) or (a)(2) waters in a typical year.
  - □ 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>

ſ	§ 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	s and Trad	itional Nav	vigable 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.

<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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Tributaries ((a)	Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):					
(a)(2) Name	(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) Siz	e	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination		
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.		

## D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ : <sup>4</sup>				
Exclusion Name	Exclusior	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

# **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: Maps, plans, and delineation report submitted by Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants, Inc. in the JD request dated 11/13/2020.

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 Other: Aerials downloaded from Google Earth Pro dated 2/1/2019. Site specific photographs submitted in JD request dated 10/27/2020
- □ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B*.

☑ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Soil Survey Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Web Soil Survey, National Cooperative Soil Survey Version 12 May 28, 2020, Cullman County, Alabama. Available online at http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/

- USFWS NWI maps: fws.gov/wetlands/data/Mapper.html
- 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.

<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.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Because of the bread patters of the (b)(4) exclusion and in an effect to callect date on excercise the waters that would be excercised by the (b)(4).

<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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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
FEMA/FIRM maps	FIRMette map excerpt from Cullman County, AL and Incorporated Areas, Map No. 01043C0214E effective date 5/24/2011 downloaded from https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html through FEMA Map Service Center

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

C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A