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October 26, 2020

Regulatory Branch Applications Section II

SUBJECT: CENAP-OPR 2020-00669 (91)

Matsuba Ray LH

Latitude and Longitude: 40.573346 ° N, -75.575380° W

Mr. Ray Matsuba 5556 Reid Lane Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104

Dear Mr. Matsuba:

This letter is regarding your request for verification of a delineation of waters and wetlands performed on your behalf by Valley Environmental Services, Inc. The project area is located immediately southeast of the intersection of Reid Lane & Robert Drive, Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

The plans identified on the following page depict the extent of Federal jurisdiction on the subject property. The basis of our determination of jurisdiction is also provided (Enclosure 1).

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, a Department of the Army permit is required for work or structures in navigable waters of the United States and the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States including adjacent and isolated wetlands. Any proposal to perform the above activities within the area of Federal jurisdiction requires the prior approval of this office.

The delineation included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular site identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

This letter is valid for a period of five (5) years. This jurisdictional determination is issued in accordance with current Federal regulations and is based upon the existing site conditions and information provided by you in your application. This office reserves the right to reevaluate and modify the jurisdictional determination at any time should the existing site conditions or Federal regulations change, or should the information provided by you prove to be false, incomplete or inaccurate.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination for your subject site. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR 331. Enclosed you will find a combined Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form (Enclosure 2). If you request to appeal this determination, you must submit a completed RFA form to the North Atlantic Division Office at the following address:

Mr. James W. Haggerty Regulatory Program Manager (CENAD-PD-OR) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Hamilton Military Community 301 General Lee Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11252-6700 Telephone number: 347-370-4650

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by <u>December 26, 2020.</u>

It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

Due to the Corps need to work remotely in response to the COVID 19 global pandemic we are only issuing you an electronic copy of your AJD. Please print and/or save this document for your records. If you require a physical copy of this document please inform your Project Manager and a physical copy of this document will be mailed to you when conditions allow.

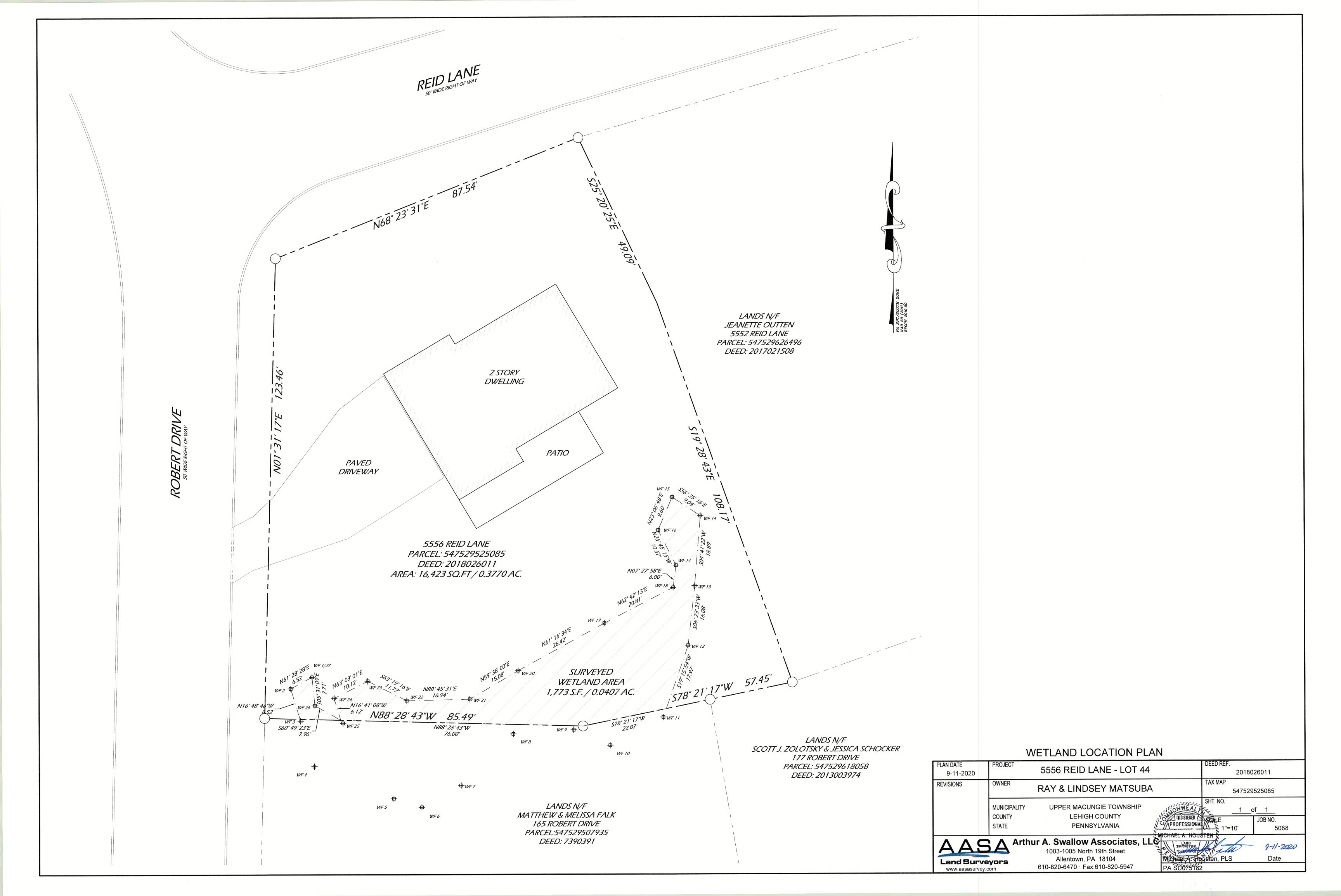
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Nathan Fronk at 267-284-6564 or by email at Nathan.r.fronk@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Hayduk Chief, Applications Section II **Enclosures**

Copies Furnished:

PADEP (NERO) Lehigh County Conservation District Upper Macungie Township Valley Environmental Services, Inc.





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): 10/26/2020

ORM Number: CENAP-OPR 2020-00669

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: PA City: Upper Macungie Twp. County/Parish/Borough: Lehigh

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 40.573346 Longitude -75.575380

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

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

(complete table in Section II.D).

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§ 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): ³						
(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			
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		

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² 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.

³ 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 $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$:							
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination			
Wetland	0.0407 acre(s)		(b)(1) Non-adjacent	Closed depression wetland with no			
			wetland.	observed surface hydrological connection			
				to a water of the United States.			

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: Wetland Report, Ray & Lindsey Matsuba, 5556 Reid Lane, Allentown, PA 1810, 4Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, PAPIN: 54752952508, 5Valley Environmental Services Job No. 19-273, Prepared by:Valley Environmental Services, Inc, Jason J. Mease, PWS, September 11, 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: Other: 5556 Reid Lane, Upper Macungie Twp., Lehigh Co., PA, August 20, 2020.
- ☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: <u>provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.</u>
- USFWS NWI maps: 5556 Reid Lane
- ☐ 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): The Antecedent Precipitation Tool was used to determine hydrologic site conditions. The analysis resulted in a Condition Value of 14, which is considered Normal. Therefore, Normal Conditions existed at the time of the site visit.
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: A field visit on September 22, 2020 confirmed that the wetland has no surface hydrological connection to an (a)(1) (a)(4) water. Wetland hydrology is driven by surface water runoff from the surrounding area.

⁴ 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.

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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NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: Ray Matsuba	File Number: CENAP 2020-00669	Date: October 26, 2020		
Attached is:	See Section below			
INITIAL PROFFERED I	A			
permission)				
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PRELIMINARY JURISI	Е			

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at

http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/appeals.aspx or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

- A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.
- ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final
 authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your
 signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights
 to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- OBJECT: If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.
- B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit
- ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- APPEAL: If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.
- ACCEPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- APPEAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD. SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record. POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION: If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may process you may contact: also contact: Mr. James W. Haggerty Regulatory Program Manager (CENAD-PD-OR) Nathan Fronk U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (267) 284-6564, or Fort Hamilton Military Community Nathan.R.Fronk@usace.army.mil 301 General Lee Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11252-6700 Telephone number: 347-370-4650

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government						
consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day						
notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.						
	Date:	Telephone number:				
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Signature of appellant or agent.						