

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): 12/7/2020

ORM Number: 2020-00845 (51)

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Pennsylvania City: Lehigh Twp.

County/Parish/Borough: Northampton Co.

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 40.774223 Longitude -75.520147

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)²

§ 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	
Indian Creek	293	linear feet	(a)(2) Perennial tributary contributes surface water flow directly or indirectly to an (a)(1) water in a typical year.	Indian Creek at this location is approximately 12'-15' wide, has a drainage area of approximately 3.5 square miles, and receives an average of 44" of precipitation as water equivalent annually. In this region, this is sufficient to maintain flow in a stream perennially. The stream also appears as a "blue line" stream on a USGS 1:50,000 scale topo map.	

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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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 wetla	Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):						
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Siz	œ	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination			
Simpkins Enf. Site wetlans	0.07	\ /	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)- (a)(3) water.	The wetlands on the subject site are abutting, contiguous and share a common upland boundary with a perennial side channel of Indian Creek.			

D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	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: Title(s) and date(s)
 This information Select. sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).

- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Prepared by Michael P. Leggiero, Biologist, S&E Section, on May 15, 2020.
- □ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: May 15 and May 20, 2020
- 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: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- ☐ USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- ☑ USGS topographic maps: Northampton Co., PA, 1:50,000, 1981

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	USGS StreamStats
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

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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- **B.** Typical year assessment(s): The Corps' Antecedent Precipitation Tool is malfunctioning at the time of the posting of this JD. However, other JDs prepared for the same time period as this inspection and for the same region were all within normal to slightly below normal precipitation for a typical year.
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: This investigation is associated with an investigation of alleged unauthorized work in waters of the US. This investigation is limited only to areas of recent earthwork. As such, other waters or wetlands may be present on the subject property that were not included in this JD, as they were located outside the area of investigation.