

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): 7/9/2021 ORM Number: CENAP 2021-00546 (72) Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Pennsylvania City: Upper Macungie Township County/Parish/Borough: Lehigh

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 40.579181 Longitude -75.643899

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	
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 $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$. ⁴					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
Unnamed	1545	linear	(b)(1) Surface	The channel enters the property from the	
channel		feet	water channel	adjacent fields to the north. It flows under Main	
fragment			that does not	Street through a culvert pipe and flows generally	
			contribute surface	south for approximately 1,135 feet before	
			water flow directly	entering a sinkhole. The channel continues for	
			or indirectly to an	approximately 410 more feet before	
			(a)(1) water in a	disappearing completely. This general area of	
			typical year.	Lehigh County, PA is known for karst geology	
				and contains multiple streams that disappear in	
				sinkholes. During the site visit a decent amount	
				of flow was observed entering the property from the culvert pipe. This flow diminished quickly	
				and the channel dried out completely well before	
				reaching the sinkhole. The channel downstream	
				of the sinkhole was much narrower and it was	
				evident that this portion of the channel does not	
				see flow that often. Lastly, a review of 10 aerial	
				images on Google Earth dating back to 1992	
				revealed that only one aerial photograph (2005)	
				showed water flowing into the farm field from the	
				end of the channel. Otherwise, the nine other	
				images from 1992 to present showed the	
				channel ending in the farm field and the	
				approximately 100 feet between the end of the	
				channel and I-78 being cropped.	

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: Readington Farms, Inc. by Valley Environmental Services, Inc.

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: Google Earth Aerials: 28 Mar 1992, 13 Apr 1999, 31 Mar 2005, 27 May 2008, 29
 Aug 2010, 5 Feb 2012, 20 Apr 2014, 17 Apr 2016, 15 Jun 2018, and 21 Sep 2020.

- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: 30 Jun 2021
- 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: Web Sol Survey

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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- USFWS NWI maps: Topton, PA 1:24,000 quadrangle
- USGS topographic maps: Topton, PA 1:24,000 quadrangle

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): N/A

C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A or provide additional discussion as appropriate.