

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69A HAGOOD AVENUE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403-5107

January 11, 2021

Regulatory Division

Mr. Brandon Wall Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc. 31 Park of Commerce Way Savannah, Georgia 31405 b wall@slighec.com

Dear Mr. Wall:

This is in response to your request for an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) (SAC-2019-01789) received in our office on October 29, 2019, for a 693.68-acre site located on Addidas St., Eutawville, Orangeburg County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.3564°, Longitude: -80.2957°). An AJD is used to indicate that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has identified the presence or absence of wetlands and/or other aquatic resources on a site, including their accurate location(s) and boundaries, as well as their jurisdictional status as waters of the United States pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1344) and/or navigable waters of the United States pursuant to Sections 9 and 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) (33 U.S.C. § 401 et. seq.). This AJD is issued in accordance with the definition of Waters of the United States in Corps regulations at 33 C.F.R. §328.3, as revised by the Navigable Waters Protection Rule: "Definition of Waters of the United States," 85 Fed. Reg. 22250 (April 21, 2020), which became effective on June 22, 2020.

The site is shown on the attached depiction entitled "GPS Wetland Exhibit Orangeburg County Property Orangeburg County, South Carolina" and dated February 4, 2020 with the final version submitted to this office on January 5, 2021 prepared by Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc. Based on an on-site inspection, a review of aerial photography, topographic maps, National Wetlands Inventory maps, and soil survey information, and Wetland Determination Data Form(s), we conclude the referenced depiction accurately reflects the location and boundaries of aquatic resources within the site. The site contains 91.91 acres of jurisdictional wetlands, and 1533 linear feet of other waters of the United States that are subject to Corps' jurisdiction under Section 404 of the CWA.

The site also contains aquatic resources that are not subject to Corps' jurisdiction under Section 404 of the CWA or Sections 9 and 10 of the RHA.

Attached is a form describing the basis of jurisdiction for the delineated area(s). Be aware that a Department of the Army (DA) permit may be required for certain activities in the areas subject to Corps' regulatory jurisdiction, and these areas may be subject to restrictions or requirements of other state or local government agencies.

If you submit a permit application as a result of this AJD, include a copy of this letter and the depiction as part of the application. Not submitting the letter and depiction will cause a delay

while we confirm an AJD was performed for the proposed permit project area. Note that some or all of these areas may be regulated by other state or local government entities, and you should contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Water, or Department of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, to determine the limits of their jurisdiction.

This AJD is valid for five (5) years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision before the expiration date. This AJD is an appealable action under the Corps administrative appeal procedures defined at 33 CFR Part 331. The administrative appeal options, process and appeals request form is attached for your convenience and use.

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.

In all future correspondence, please refer to file number SAC-2019-01789. A copy of this letter is forwarded to State and/or Federal agencies for their information. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Boone, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8158, or by email at Shawn.A.Boone@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Shawn Boone Project Manager

Attachments:

Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form Notification of Appeal Options GPS Wetland Exhibit Orangeburg County Property Orangeburg County, South Carolina

Copies Furnished:

SCDHEC – Bureau of Water 2600 Bull Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201 WQCWetlands@dhec.sc.gov

SCDHEC - OCRM 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 North Charleston, South Carolina 29405 OCRMPermitting@dhec.sc.gov



#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD):

ORM Number: SAC-2019-01789

Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>:

State: SC City: Eutawville County: Orangeburg County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 33.3564 Longitude -80.2957

### II. FINDINGS

Α.	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

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

area (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		

### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters)<sup>3</sup>

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(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
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
Tributary 1	1533 feet	(a)(2) Intermittent tributary	Tributary 1 is an unnamed stream depicted as a
		contributes surface water flow	dashed blue line on USGS and other available
		directly or indirectly to an (a)(1)	mapping. Flow was observed during the December 4,
		water in a typical year	2020 site visit. Tributary 1 flows under Addidas St
			through several culverts, to Sandy Run (perennial),
			Dean Swamp, Four Hole Swamp and then the Edisto
			River (TNW).

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

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<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.

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<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.



Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination	
Wetland B	82.26 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water	(3) Wetland B directly abuts Tributary 1 and flows downstream to the Edisto River (TNW)	
Wetland L	9.65 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water	Wetland L continues beyond the site boundary and is part of a wetland complex that abuts and flows into a perennial stream known as Eightfoot Ditch which has a confluence with Sandy Run and flow ultimately to the Edisto River (TNW).	

#### D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

<b>Exclusion Name</b>	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
Wetland A	0.32 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland A does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland A is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland C	0.34 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland C does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland C is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland D	0.32 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland D does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland D is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland E	0.23 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland E does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland E is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland F	0.22 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland F does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland F is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland G	2.74 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland G does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland G is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland H	3.42 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland H does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland H is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland I	0.12 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland I does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland I is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	
Wetland J	1.83 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland J does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland J is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.	

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Wetland K	0.5 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland K does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland K is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.
Wetland M	1.64 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland M does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland M is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.
Wetland N	0.35 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	Wetland N does not abut and is not inundated by an (a)(1)-(3) water. Wetland N is completely encompassed by uplands and lacks a direct or indirect surface connection to (a)(1)-(3) water.

#### 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.
  - **\_X**\_ Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant:JD Request submittal received October 29, 2019 for Sligh Environmental Consultants.

This information *is and is not* sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: Additional information and revised drawings were necessary to complete the JD Request.

Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s)*.

- **\_X**\_ Photographs: Digital Globe 2017, site photographs
- X Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: December 4, 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>
- \_X\_ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Orangeburg County Soils overlay on aerial photo
- X USFWS NWI maps: SAC Regulatory Viewer, July 2020 NWI overlay on 2012 aerial photo
- X USGS topographic maps: 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Sandridge

#### 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	SAC Regulatory Viewer.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

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

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C. Additional comments to support AJD: There are 91.91 acres of jurisdictional freshwater wetlands and 1533 linear feet of jurisdictional tributary within the review area. There are also 12.03 acres of non-jurisdictional freshwater wetlands onsite.

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### NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant:	File Number:	Date:
Attached is:	See Section below	
INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (S	tandard Permit or Letter of permission)	A
PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard P	ermit or Letter of permission)	В
PERMIT DENIAL		С
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL D	ETERMINATION	D
PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONA	L DETERMINATION	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://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg 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, South Atlantic Division, 60 Forsyth St, SW, Atlanta, GA 30308-8801. This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps 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 attac					
or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)					
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review	y of the administrative record, the	Corns mamorandum for the			
record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental					
clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Con					
you may provide additional information to clarify the location of in	nformation that is already in the ac	lministrative record.			
POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFOR	MATION:				
If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal	If you only have questions regard				
process you may contact the Corps biologist who signed the	also contact: Mr. Philip A. S				
letter to which this notification is attached. The name and	Administrative CESAD-PDS-	Appeal Review Officer			
telephone number of this person is given at the end of the letter.		eet Southwest, Floor M9			
	Atlanta, Georg				
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		ı will be provided a 15 day			
notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to pa		Talanhana assasha			
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Signature of appellant or agent.					









