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INTERIM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in the Interim Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form User Manual.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (AJD): 7/12/19

B. ORM NUMBER IN APPROPRIATE FORMAT (e.g., HQ-2015-00001-SMJ): NAO-2017-00737

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: VA

County/parish/borough:

City: Chesapeake

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 36.744185, Long. -76.172003.

Map(s)/diagram(s) of review area (including map identifying single point of entry (SPOE) watershed and/or potential jurisdictional areas where applicable) is/are: attached in report/map titled Approved Jurisdictional Determination Exhibit.

Other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc.) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different jurisdictional determination (JD) form. List JD form ID numbers (e.g., HQ-2015-00001-SMJ-1): .

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION:

Office (Desk) Determination Only. Date: .

Office (Desk) and Field Determination. Office/Desk Dates: 1-10-18, 2-4-19, 7-12-19 Field Date(s): 6-27-17, 10-3-17, 2-28-18, 3-29-19 .

SECTION II: DATA SOURCES

Check all that were used to aid in the determination and attach data/maps to this AJD form and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Title/Date: .

Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.

Data sheets/delineation report are sufficient for purposes of AJD form. Title/Date: .

Data sheets/delineation report are not sufficient for purposes of AJD form. Summarize rationale and include information on revised data sheets/delineation report that this AJD form has relied upon: The USACE does not agree with the determinations presented in the data sheets and delineation report prepared and submitted by VHB. Specifically, the USACE does not agree with the lack of hydrologic indicators. C2 dry season water table was observed in 2017 during an abnormally dry period. Additionally, the soils lacked hydric indicators but met the technical definition of hydric soils using the procedures outlined in Chapter 5. The USACE does agree with some of the descriptions of soil and vegetation. No revised data sheets were submitted. Revised Title/Date:

Data sheets prepared by the Corps. Title/Date: .

Corps navigable waters study. Title/Date: .

CorpsMap ORM map layers. Title/Date: .

USGS Hydrologic Atlas. Title/Date: .

- USGS, NHD, or WBD data/maps. Title/Date: .
- USGS 8, 10 and/or 12 digit HUC maps. HUC number: .
- USGS maps. Scale & quad name and date: .
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey. Citation: .
- USFWS National Wetlands Inventory maps. Citation: .
- State/Local wetland inventory maps. Citation: .
- FEMA/FIRM maps. Citation: .
- Photographs: Aerial. Citation: . or Other. Citation: .
- LiDAR data/maps. Citation: .
- Previous JDs. File no. and date of JD letter: .
- Applicable/supporting case law: .
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
- Other information (please specify): USDA NRCS Resource Soil Scientist, Greg Hammer, provided his expert opinion that the soils on this site meet the technical definition of hydric soil (1-31-19). VHB provided new information to the Corps on April 29, 2019 following the issuance of an AJD on 2-6-19. The new information included precipitation data from the Oceana WETS station and groundwater measurements of 17 open boreholes taken on five separate dates (Feb 9, March 20, March 23, March 25, and March 29, 2019) throughout the site. On May 8, 2019 VHB also submitted a revised wetland delineation map and on May 15, 2019 VHB submitted a letter with justification for their revised wetland map..

SECTION III: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Complete ORM "Aquatic Resource Upload Sheet" or Export and Print the Aquatic Resource Screen from ORM for All Waters and Features. Regardless of Jurisdictional Status – Required

A. RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT (RHA) SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION:

- "navigable waters of the U.S." within RHA jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

- **Complete Table 1 - Required**

NOTE: If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Section 10 navigable waters list, DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Section 10 RHA navigability determination.

B. CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION: "waters of the U.S." within CWA jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328.3) in the review area. **Check all that apply.**

- (a)(1): All waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. (Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs))
 - **Complete Table 1 - Required**
 - This AJD includes a case-specific (a)(1) TNW (Section 404 navigable-in-fact) determination on a water that has not previously been designated as such. Documentation required for this case-specific (a)(1) TNW determination is attached.
- (a)(2): All interstate waters, including interstate wetlands.
 - **Complete Table 2 - Required**
- (a)(3): The territorial seas.
 - **Complete Table 3 - Required**
- (a)(4): All impoundments of waters otherwise identified as waters of the U.S. under 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 4 - Required**
- (a)(5): All tributaries, as defined in 33 CFR part 328.3, of waters identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 5 - Required**
- (a)(6): All waters adjacent to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3, including wetlands, ponds, lakes, oxbows, impoundments, and similar waters.
 - **Complete Table 6 - Required**
 - Bordering/Contiguous.
 - Neighboring:
 - (c)(2)(i): All waters located within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3.

- (c)(2)(ii): All waters located within the 100-year floodplain of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3 and not more than 1,500 feet of the OHWM of such water.
- (c)(2)(iii): All waters located within 1,500 feet of the high tide line of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3, and all waters within 1,500 feet of the OHWM of the Great Lakes.
- (a)(7): All waters identified in 33 CFR 328.3(a)(7)(i)-(v) where they are determined, on a case-specific basis, to have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 7 for the significant nexus determination. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with (a)(7) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**
 - Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.
- (a)(8): All waters located within the 100-year floodplain of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3 not covered by (c)(2)(ii) above and all waters located within 4,000 feet of the high tide line or OHWM of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3 where they are determined on a case-specific basis to have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 8 for the significant nexus determination. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with (a)(8) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**
 - Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.

C. NON-WATERS OF THE U.S. FINDINGS:

Check all that apply.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land.
- Potential-(a)(7) Waters: Waters that DO NOT have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 9 and attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with potential (a)(7) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**
 - Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.
- Potential-(a)(8) Waters: Waters that DO NOT have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 9 and attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with potential (a)(8) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**
 - Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.
- Excluded Waters (Non-Waters of U.S.), even where they otherwise meet the terms of paragraphs (a)(4)-(a)(8):
 - **Complete Table 10 - Required**
 - (b)(1): Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the CWA.
 - (b)(2): Prior converted cropland.
 - (b)(3)(i): Ditches with ephemeral flow that are not a relocated tributary or excavated in a tributary.
 - (b)(3)(ii): Ditches with intermittent flow that are not a relocated tributary, excavated in a tributary, or drain wetlands.
 - (b)(3)(iii): Ditches that do not flow, either directly or through another water, into a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3).
 - (b)(4)(i): Artificially irrigated areas that would revert to dry land should application of water to that area cease.
 - (b)(4)(ii): Artificial, constructed lakes and ponds created in dry land such as farm and stock watering ponds, irrigation ponds, settling basins, fields flooded for rice growing, log cleaning ponds, or cooling ponds.
 - (b)(4)(iii): Artificial reflecting pools or swimming pools created in dry land.¹
 - (b)(4)(iv): Small ornamental waters created in dry land.¹
 - (b)(4)(v): Water-filled depressions created in dry land incidental to mining or construction activity, including pits excavated for obtaining fill, sand, or gravel that fill with water.
 - (b)(4)(vi): Erosional features, including gullies, rills, and other ephemeral features that do not meet the

definition of tributary, non-wetland swales, and lawfully constructed grassed waterways.¹

- (b)(4)(vii): Puddles.¹
- (b)(5): Groundwater, including groundwater drained through subsurface drainage systems.¹
- (b)(6): Stormwater control features constructed to convey, treat, or store stormwater that are created in dry land.¹
- (b)(7): Wastewater recycling structures created in dry land; detention and retention basins built for wastewater recycling; groundwater recharge basins; percolation ponds built for wastewater recycling; and water distributary structures built for wastewater recycling.
- Other non-jurisdictional waters/features within review area that do not meet the definitions in 33 CFR 328.3 of (a)(1)-(a)(8) waters and are not excluded waters identified in (b)(1)-(b)(7).

- **Complete Table 11 - Required.**

D. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT AJD: We compared data from NAS Oceana and Norfolk Airport using the standard WETS data timeframe of 1981 - 2010. This standard timeframe is established in Chapter 19 of Part 650 of the Engineering Field Handbook Hydrology Tools for Wetland Identification and Analysis (650.1901 Normal environmental conditions). The use of Oceana data rather than Norfolk Airport data does not change the findings for our past evaluation of rainfall for 2017-2018, as the two WETS stations are identical in respect to their ranges below or within the 30th - 70th percentiles when both are evaluated using the same 30-year timeframe (1980-2010)

The technical standard for wetland hydrology referenced by VHB is EDRC TN-WRAP-05-2, "Technical Standard for Water-Table Monitoring of Potential Wetland Sites". For wetland hydrology to be present, this standard requires 14 or more consecutive days of flooding or ponding, or a water table 12 inches or less below the soil surface, during the growing season at a minimum frequency of 5 years in 10 (50 percent or higher probability).

The borehole groundwater data submitted by VHB did not follow the procedures and methodology established in EDRC TN-WRAP-05-2, including monitoring throughout the duration of the growing season, or until the minimum standard is met. The data submitted does not provide evidence for or against satisfying the 14 consecutive day technical requirement because it does not follow the technical standard established for determining if this requirement is met.

No new data was submitted regarding soils or vegetation. The question of hydric soils was addressed in our AJD cover letter (February 6, 2019).

While the groundwater data cannot be assessed using the technical standard in EDRC TN-WRAP-05-2, discussed above, the groundwater data does provide evidence or lack of evidence for primary wetland hydrology indicators per the Regional Supplement; high water table (Indicator A2) and saturation (Indicator A3). VHB did not check the boreholes for saturation, which often extends a few inches above the water table and is another primary indicator of hydrology. Therefore, saturation (A3) was not taken into account for this determination.

Nevertheless, groundwater levels in the boreholes ranged from -3.25 inches to -17.5 inches below the mineral surface during the monitoring period. Of the 17 borehole locations, only two (DP-5 and DP-6) did not meet A2 during the entire monitoring time period and can be considered uplands due to lack of hydrologic indicators. Several boreholes (DP-7, DP-8, DP-12, DP-13, and DP-25) only met A2 on March 23 2019. Of these, DP-7, DP-12, and DP-13 also lacked established hydric soil indicators. Therefore, the Corps determined that these locations did not have sufficient enough evidence to be considered wetlands

The Corps has considered all information provided, and we cannot concur with the revised wetland map provided by VHB on May 8, 2019. However, our experience, professional judgment, and the information provided to us, has lead us to determine that the areas surrounding DP-5, DP-6, DP-7, DP-12, and DP-13 are uplands (5 acres) as depicted on the attached map. The remaining areas are considered wetlands because VHB considered those areas wetlands (DP-22, DP-23, DP-21, DP-20, DP-10, DP-11, DP-9, DP-8), no new information was provided to change the previous wetland determination (DP-10, DP-11, DP-23, DP-14, DP-17, DP-18, DP-24), and/or the groundwater in the borehole was above 12 inches for multiple days (DP-19, DP-15, DP-4, DP-3). Additionally, these areas had indicators of hydric soil (or met the technical hydric soil definition), were dominated by hydrophytic vegetation, and had two secondary indicators of wetland hydrology (FAC-Neutral, Geomorphic position).

¹ In many cases these excluded features will not be specifically identified on the AJD form, unless specifically requested. Corps Districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these features within the review area.

Jurisdictional Waters of the U.S.

Default field entry is "N/A". Delete "N/A" and fill out all fields in the table where applicable for waters/features present in the review area.

Table 1. (a)(1) Traditional Navigable Waters

(a)(1) Waters Name	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale to Support (a)(1) Designation Include High Tide Line or Ordinary High Water Mark indicators, when applicable.
N/A	Choose an item.	N/A

Table 2. (a)(2) Interstate Waters

(a)(2) Waters Name	Rationale to Support (a)(2) Designation
N/A	N/A

Table 3. (a)(3) Territorial Seas

(a)(3) Waters Name	Rationale to Support (a)(3) Designation
N/A	N/A

Table 4. (a)(4) Impoundments

(a)(4) Waters Name	Rationale to Support (a)(4) Designation
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

Table 5. (a)(5) Tributaries

(a)(5) Waters Name	Flow Regime	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this (a)(5) Tributary Flows	Tributary Breaks	Rationale for (a)(5) Designation and Additional Discussion. Identify flowpath to (a)(1)-(a)(3) water or attach map identifying the flowpath; explain any breaks or flow through excluded/non-jurisdictional features, etc.
N/A	Choose an item.	N/A	Choose an item.	N/A
N/A	Choose an item.	N/A	Choose an item.	N/A
N/A	Choose an item.	N/A	Choose an item.	N/A
N/A	Choose an item.	N/A	Choose an item.	N/A

Table 6. (a)(6) Adjacent Waters

(a)(6) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(5) Water Name to which this Water is Adjacent	Rationale for (a)(6) Designation and Additional Discussion. Identify the type of water and how the limits of jurisdiction were established (e.g., wetland, 87 Manual/Regional Supplement); explain how the 100-year floodplain and/or the distance threshold was determined; whether this water extends beyond a threshold; explain if the water is part of a mosaic, etc.
PFO Wetland	Unnamed Tributaries to Stumpy Lake	This 47.4 acre PFO wetland's limits of jurisdiction were established using the 87 Manual/Regional Supplement. This PFO wetland is continuous with unnamed tributaries to Lake Stumpy [(a)(5)] which ultimately drains into the Intracoastal Waterway [(a)(1)].
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 7. (a)(7) Waters

SPOE Name	(a)(7) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this Water has a Significant Nexus	Significant Nexus Determination Identify SPOE watershed; discuss whether any similarly situated waters were present and aggregated for SND; discuss data, provide analysis, and summarize how the waters have more than speculative or insubstantial effect on the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the (a)(1)-(a)(3) water, etc.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 8. (a)(8) Waters

SPOE Name	(a)(8) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this Water has a Significant Nexus	Significant Nexus Determination Identify SPOE watershed; explain how 100-yr floodplain and/or the distance threshold was determined; discuss whether waters were determined to be similarly situated to subject water and aggregated for SND; discuss data, provide analysis, and then summarize how the waters have more than speculative or insubstantial effect the on the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the (a)(1)-(a)(3) water, etc.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Non-Jurisdictional Waters

Default field entry is "N/A". Delete "N/A" and fill out all fields in the table where applicable for waters/features present in the review area.

Table 9. Non-Waters/No Significant Nexus

SPOE Name	Non-(a)(7)/(a)(8) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this Water DOES NOT have a Significant Nexus	Basis for Determination that the Functions DO NOT Contribute Significantly to the Chemical, Physical, or Biological Integrity of the (a)(1)-(a)(3) Water. Identify SPOE watershed; explain how 100-yr floodplain and/or the distance threshold was determined; discuss whether waters were determined to be similarly situated to the subject water; discuss data, provide analysis, and summarize how the waters did not have more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the (a)(1)-(a)(3) water.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 10. Non-Waters/Excluded Waters and Features

Paragraph (b) Excluded Feature/Water Name	Rationale for Paragraph (b) Excluded Feature/Water and Additional Discussion.
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

Table 11. Non-Waters/Other

Other Non-Waters of U.S. Feature/Water Name	Rationale for Non-Waters of U.S. Feature/Water and Additional Discussion.
N/A	N/A