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

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): June 23, 2015
- B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: CELRL-OPF-S, GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant, LRL-2015-539
- C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: Kentucky County/parish/borough: Warren City: Bowling Green
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 37.010278°, Long. -86.370000 °

Universal Transverse Mercator: NAD83 State Plane North
Name of nearest waterbody: Barren River
Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Barren River
Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Big Sandy 05110002

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: July 28, 2015

Field Determination. Date(s): July 28, 2015, Click here to enter a date.

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

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Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain: Click here to enter text.

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are and are not "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): 1

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: # linear feet: # width (ft) and/or # acres. Wetlands: Wetland A = 0.17 acres, Wetland B = 0.09 acres.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): Click here to enter text.

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: Wetland A and Wetland B are non-jurisdictional waters. The potentially jurisdictional wetlands were determined to be physically isolated in its landscape setting within no hydrologic connection with other "waters of the U.S." The wetlands have no connection to interstate or foreign commerce. As such, Wetland A and Wetland B are isolated and therefore non-jurisdictional.

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¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW

Identify TNW: Click here to enter text.

Summarize rationale supporting determination: Click here to enter text.

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": Click here to enter text.

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i)	General Area Condi Watershed size: # Choo Drainage area: # Choo	ose an item.
	Average annual rainfa Average annual snow	
(ii) Physical Characteristics: (a) Relationship with TNW: Tributary flows directly into TNW.		
	Tributary flo	ows through <i>Choose an item</i> . tributaries before entering TNW.
	Project waters ar Project waters ar Project waters ar	e 1 (or less) river miles from TNW. e 1 (or less) river miles from RPW. e 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from TNW. e 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW. oss or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Click here to enter text.
	Identify flow rou Tributary stream	te to TNW ⁵ : order, if known: <i>Click here to enter text</i> .
	(b) General Tributar Tributary is:	y Characteristics (check all that apply): Natural
		Artificial (man-made). Explain: Click here to enter text. Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:

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⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

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		Primary	tributary substrate c	ompos		t app	ly):		C
		1.21	Silts		Sands		1,21		Concrete
			Cobbles	2	Gravel]	Muck
			Bedrock		Vegetation. Type	e/% c	over: Click here t	to e	enter text.
			Other. Explain: Cli	ck here	e to enter text.				
		Presence Tributary	y condition/stability of run/riffle/pool co y geometry: <i>Choose o</i> y gradient (approxin	omplex un item	kes. Explain:	ıghir	ng banks]. Expla	ain	:
	(c)	Flow: Tributary Estimate Des	y provides for: Seaso average number of scribe flow regime: formation on duration	onal Fl flow e	ow vents in review are			n.	
		Surface f	flow is: Confined C	haract	eristics: Click here to	o ente	er text.		
			ce flow: Unknown Dye (or other) test						
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(iii)	Cha	racterize t Explain:	naracteristics: tributary (e.g., water clear to turbid, blue fic pollutants, if kno	marl	is clear, discolored	, oily	r film; water qua	ality	y; general watershed characteristics, etc.)

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⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

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(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):
Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Click here to enter text.
Habitat for:
Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.
Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
(i) Physical Characteristics: (a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
(b) <u>General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW</u> : Flow is: Perennial Flow Explain: <i>Click here to enter text</i> .
Surface flow is: perennial Characteristics: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Subsurface flow: Choose an item. Explain findings: Click here to enter text. Dye (or other) test performed: Click here to enter text.
(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: Directly abutting Not directly abutting Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Click here to enter text. Ecological connection. Explain: Click here to enter text. Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: Click here to enter text. (d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW
Project wetlands are <i>Choose an item.</i> river miles from TNW. Project waters are <i>Choose an item.</i> aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: <i>Choose an item.</i> Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the <i>Choose an item.</i> floodplain.
 (ii) Chemical Characteristics: Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristic etc.). Explain: Click here to enter text. Identify specific pollutants, if known: Click here to enter text.
(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Click here to enter text.
Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: scrub shrub dominated by willows, emergent herbaceous vegetation.
Habitat for:
Federally Listed species.
Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: <i>Click here to enter text.</i> Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.
Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

3.

2.

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: *Choose an item.*Approximately () acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

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Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.
 Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Click here to enter text.
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Click here to enter text.

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

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flows seasonally:

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	3.		-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Prov	ide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: (ft).
			Other non-wetland waters: # acres.
			Identify type(s) of waters: Click here to enter text.
	4.	Wet	lands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.
			Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.
			Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
			Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
			Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.293 acres.
	5.		lands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Prov	ride acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: # acres.
	6.		lands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Prov	ide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: # acres.
	7.	Imp	oundments of jurisdictional waters. ⁹
			general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or
			Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
			Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
Е.	OR	DES	ED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION TRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK AT APPLY): ¹⁰
			th are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
		from	which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
		whic	ch are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
		Inter	estate isolated waters. Explain: Click here to enter text.
		Othe	er factors. Explain: Click here to enter text.
	Ide	ntify v	water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: Click here to enter text.
	Pro		stimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): utary waters: # linear feet # width (ft).
		Othe	er non-wetland waters: # acres.
		I	dentify type(s) of waters: Click here to enter text.
		Wetl	lands: # acres.

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 ⁸See Footnote # 3.
 ⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 ¹⁰ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

F.	NO	N-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):
		If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
	V	Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
		Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based <u>solely</u> on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
		Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Click here to enter text
		Other: (explain, if not covered above): the treatment pond and ditches constructed wholly in the uplands are not waters of U.S. by definition
	(i.e.	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors, presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment sck all that apply):
		Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): # linear feet # width (ft).
		Lakes/ponds: # acres.
		Other non-wetland waters: # acres. List type of aquatic resource: Click here to enter text
	V	Wetlands: Wetland A 0.17 acres and Wetland B 0.09 acres
		vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a ing is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):
		Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): # linear feet # width (ft).
		Lakes/ponds: # acres.
		Other non-wetland waters: # acres. List type of aquatic resource: Click here to enter text
		Wetlands: # acres.
CE	CTIO	ON IV: DATA SOURCES.
Α.		PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and tested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Click here to enter text.
	~	Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
		Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
		Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
	~	Data sheets prepared by the Corps: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>
		Corps navigable waters' study: Click here to enter text.
		U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: Click here to enter text.
		USGS NHD data.
		USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
	~	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24 K Bristown and historical topos
		USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Click here to enter text.
		National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: Click here to enter text.
		State/Local wetland inventory map(s): Click here to enter text.
		FEMA/FIRM maps: Click here to enter text.
		100-year Floodplain Elevation is: Click here to enter text. (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
	~	Photographs: 🔽 Aerial (Name & Date): Corps GIS, Google Earth
		or 🔽 Other (Name & Date): site visit
		Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: Click here to enter text.
		Applicable/supporting case law: Click here to enter text.
		Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Click here to enter text.
		Other information (please specify): <i>Click here to enter text</i> .

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The Corps concurs with the delineation report provided by the agent. Wetlands A and B are non-jurisdictional and do not exhibit any biological and hydrological connection with the TNW Barren River. The emergent wetlands are isolated and were created by human activities. Wetland A was the result of berm construction that blocked surface runoff and Wetland B was excavated in the uplands. The wetlands are physically isolated in its landscape, lacks a hydrologic connection to other "waters of the U.S." and are not susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce. As such, the waters are not considered to be "waters of the U.S.".

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