



**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): 5/12/2021

ORM Number: MVP-2021-00606-MAD

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Minnesota City: Courtland County/Parish/Borough: Nicollet

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 44.265361 Longitude -94.344843

**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)<sup>2</sup>**

§ 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>				
(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.

<sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> 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)): <sup>4</sup>				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wetland 1	4.55	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	Wetland 1 is in a formerly mined location immediately adjacent to industry, recreational facilities, residential neighborhoods, agriculture, and a large wetland complex to the west. Despite proximity to an offsite wetland, Wetland 1 is in a closed basin wetland with no inlets or outlets and no surface water connections. There appears to be a culvert connecting the project area to the wetland to the west, however topographic maps and aerial imagery show the culvert is higher in elevation than the wetland and there is not evidence in aerial imagery that surface water from Wetland 1 reaches the culvert. The culvert appears to serve as the road right-of-way drainage, not as a drainage for Wetland 1.

**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: [Jason Kuester Property: Courtland, Nicollet County, MN, April 5, 2021](#)

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

Rationale: [Further information was acquired to to verify the wetland is non-adjacent.](#)

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\).](#)

☒ Photographs: [Aerial: Google Earth Imagery taken 5/13/2003, 08/02/2004, 05/31/2006, 05/21/2008, 06/02/2009, 05/16/2010, 05/17/2011, 05/22/2015](#)

☐ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [N/A](#)

☐ 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: [Jason Kuester Property: Courtland, Nicollet County, MN, April 5, 2021](#)

☒ USFWS NWI maps: [Jason Kuester Property: Courtland, Nicollet County, MN, April 5, 2021](#)

☒ USGS topographic maps: [Jason Kuester Property: Courtland, Nicollet County, MN, April 5, 2021](#)

**Other data sources used to aid in this determination:**

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
<a href="#">USGS/WBD/NHD data/maps</a>	<a href="#">NHD accessed 5/11/2021</a>
<a href="#">USDA Sources</a>	<a href="#">N/A.</a>

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<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.



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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
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:** Wetland 1 is a closed basin with no inlets or outlets. Aerial photos, topographic maps, National Wetlands Inventory, and National Hydrography Dataset information show this wetland does not have any surface water connections to (a)(1-3) jurisdictional waters.