

**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): 10/13/2021**

**B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: 2021-01320-MMJ; Novel Gaasch Solar LLC (PID 03-00061-00)**

**C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

State: MN County/parish/borough: Renville City: near Franklin

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 44.537947° N, Long. -94.905551° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator: X: 348610.800149, Y: 4933390.239054

Name of nearest waterbody: Minnesota River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 0702000704

- ☒ 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: 10/13/2021  
☐ Field Determination. Date(s):

**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.

**B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There are no “*waters of the U.S.*” within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area.

**SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS**

**A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs: N/A**

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

**C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION: N/A**

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

**E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): N/A**

**F. NON-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  
☒ Other: (explain, if not covered above): **The 12-acre parcel within this review area does not contain any aquatic resources and consists wholly of dryland.**

**SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.**

**A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):**

- ☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: **Level 1 Wetland Delineation Report submitted by Novel Energy Solutions dated 7/06/21**  
☐ 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:  
☐ Corps navigable waters' study:  
☒ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:

- ☒ USGS NHD data.
- ☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24k Morton
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Renville Co.
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
- ☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015.  
or ☐ Other (Name & Date):
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☐ Other information (please specify):

**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:** The wetland delineation report submitted for this project adequately documents that there are no aquatic resources within the 12-acre review area identified on the attached figures labeled as 2021-01320-MMJ, AJD Figures 1-2.