



**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): 8/5/2021

ORM Number: MVP-2021-01363-BGO

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Minnesota City: Bemidji County/Parish/Borough: Beltrami County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 47.531365 Longitude -94.887022

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
- ☐ 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)²

§ 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): ³				
(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.

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

² 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.

³ 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)): ⁴ The review area for this determination is identified as Wetland 2 and Wet Ditch 2-4 and 6-10 on the attached figures labeled 2021-01363-BGO AJD Attachments, Pages 1-12 of 12.				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wetland 2	0.91	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	<p>Wetland 2 is a shrub-carr (Type 6) wetland located on the north side of Trunk Highway (TH) 71 at the intersection of Town Hall Road. The wetland is 0.91 acre within the construction limits of the project and is part of a larger NWI wetland area that extends west beyond the construction limits. Aerial photography and topographic mapping indicate this larger wetland area drains south along the TH 71 roadside ditch and may contribute surface water flow to several downstream waters, including an unnamed tributary to Lake Bemidji. However, based on additional data sources including national wetland and hydrography data, this segment of the TH 71 roadside ditch is man-made and is not a relocated tributary, is not constructed in a tributary, and is not constructed in adjacent wetlands. Based on this information, the TH 71 roadside ditch is not considered a tributary and, therefore, does not provide a sufficient hydrologic surface connection to meet the adjacency criteria in the Navigable Waters Project Rule (NWPR).</p> <p>Based on this review, Wetland 2 is not jurisdictional under the NWPR because it meets the requirements of the exclusion for non-adjacent wetlands under paragraph (b)(1). The assessed wetland does not abut jurisdictional waters, is not inundated by flooding from a traditional navigable water, or tributary, or from a jurisdictional lake, pond, or impoundment, and is not physically separated from a jurisdictional water by only a natural feature or artificial structure that allows for a direct hydrologic surface connection. This was confirmed by reviewing the data sources in Section III.A.</p>
Wet Ditch 2-4 and 6-10	1.20	acre(s)	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of	Wet Ditch 2-4 and 6-10 were constructed in uplands to convey runoff from the adjacent roadway and are now linear wetlands that meet the definition of “ditch” under paragraph (c)(2).

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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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		a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1).	In addition, the ditches are not (a)(1) waters, are not relocated tributaries, are not constructed in a tributary, and are not constructed in an adjacent wetland. This was confirmed by reviewing aerial photography, national hydrography data, and the wetland delineation report. Based on this review, the assessed ditches are not jurisdictional under the NWPR because they meet the requirements of the exclusion for ditches under paragraph (b)(5).

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: [MnDOT SP 0410-50/TH 71 Joint Application Form, July 2021 and Wetland Delineation Report, June 2021](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A](#)

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

☒ Photographs: [Aerial: Google Earth Imagery, 1991-2015](#)

☐ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [Date\(s\)](#).

☐ 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: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\)](#).

☒ USFWS NWI maps: [USFWS NWI of MN 1974-1978](#)

☒ USGS topographic maps: [USGS Topographic Quads \(USA Topo Maps\)](#)

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS/WBD/NHD data/maps	National Hydrography Dataset (USGS Service)
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local wetland inventory maps	DNR NWI Update – MN, 2010-2018
Other Sources	2-Foot Contours Minnesota (LIDAR Service)

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

C. Additional comments to support AJD: [N/A](#)