

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): March 1, 2022

B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: SGI Kremlin Plant, East Stockpile Expansion Site, Town of Pembine (Wetland B) / 2021-02621-JLK

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: Wisconsin County/parish/borough: Marinette City: Pembine

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 45.632016° N, Long. -87.838413° E.

Universal Transverse Mercator: Zone 16

Name of nearest waterbody: Unnamed Tributary of the Pemebonwon River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Pemebonwon River (04030108)

☒ 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: January 21, 2022

☒ 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.

1. **Waters of the U.S.:** N/A

2. **Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):**¹

- ☒ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.
Explain: **Based on a review of aerial photography, topographic maps, and the wetland delineation report submitted by the requestor, we have determined that Wetland B is an isolated wetland depression with boundaries that transition into uplands. As depicted in aerial imagery, the wetland signatures observed within the delineated wetland feature do not extend outside of the wetland and are surrounded entirely by uplands. In addition, the review area has minor changes in elevation, as shown in the USGS topo maps.**

Wetland B does not abut and is not separated from any waters of the U.S. by natural or man-made features. The nearest (a)(1)-(a)(3) water is an unnamed tributary of the Pemebonwon River located approximately 0.42 mile to the southeast of the review area. The delineation map illustrates the immediate surrounding uplands include forested areas while a review of aerial photography shows on-going mining operations further beyond the forested areas in all directions except to the south. Lands immediately south of the review area consist of forested uplands which transition into forested wetlands (labeled as Wetland A) approximately 0.05 mile south of the review area. The distance between Wetlands A and B and the high amount of land disturbance in close proximity to Wetland B, suggests there is no ecological connection between these two features. Historic aerial photography depicts no wet signatures in the immediately adjacent areas, suggesting there is no hydrologic connection from Wetland B to the nearest tributary or other aquatic resources.

This aquatic resource does not support a link to interstate foreign commerce; is not known to be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreation or other purposes; does not produce fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; and is not known to be used for industrial purposes

¹ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

by industries in interstate commerce. Therefore, the Corps has determined this aquatic feature is not regulated by the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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 Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- ☒ 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 solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
- ☐ Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:
- ☐ Other (explain, if not covered above):

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (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: .
- ☒ Wetlands: **Wetland B: Totaling 0.20 acres.**

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding 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: .
- ☐ Wetlands: acres.

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: **Coleman Engineering Company, SGI Kremlin Plant, 2021 Wetland Delineation**
- ☒ 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:
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: **Marinette County**
- ☐ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
- ☒ State/Local wetland inventory map(s): **Wisconsin Wetland Inventory**
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): **Wetland Delineation Report**
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): **Ground level photos**
- ☐ 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: