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.

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): August 17, 2017

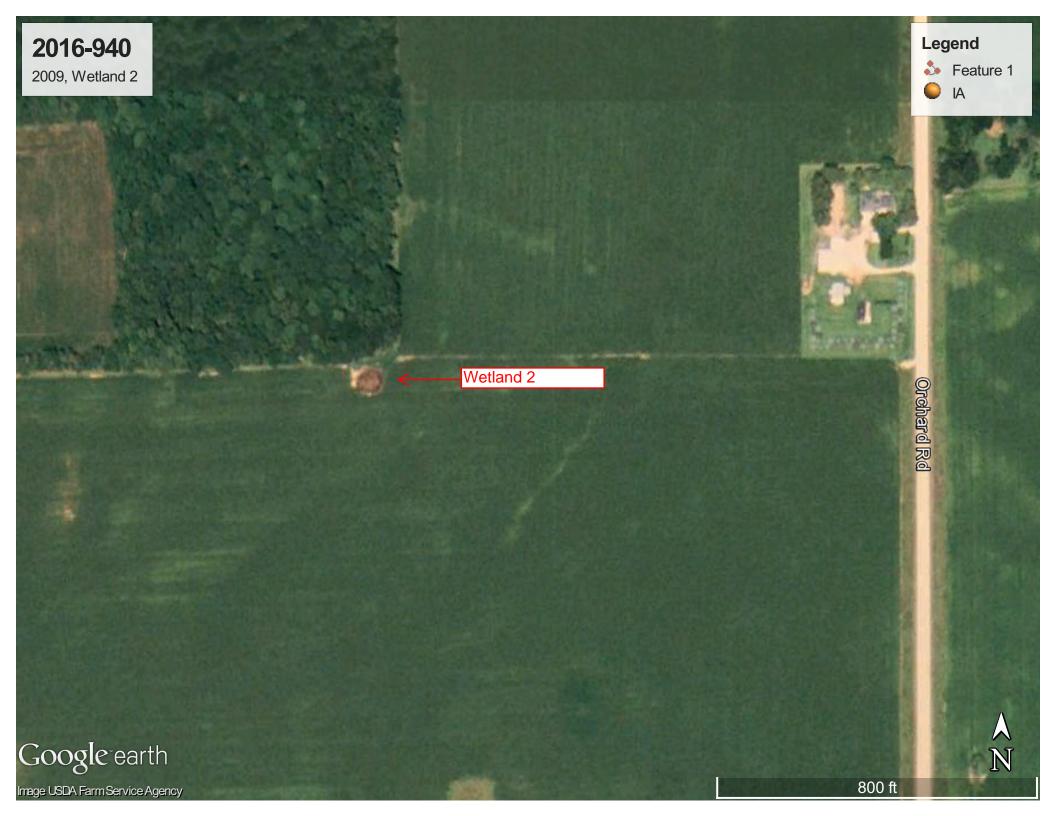
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В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: MVR, 2016-940, Robert and Joan Wetherell
c.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State:Iowa County/parish/borough: Mitchell City: Osage Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 43.2448° N, Long92.7831° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: Zone 15T 478803.91 m N, 517594.62 m E
	Name of nearest waterbody: Unnamed Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Mississippi River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 07080201 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 24, 2017 ☐ Field Determination. Date(s):
	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:
В.	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re Pick List "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): 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: 1.09 acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	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:

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

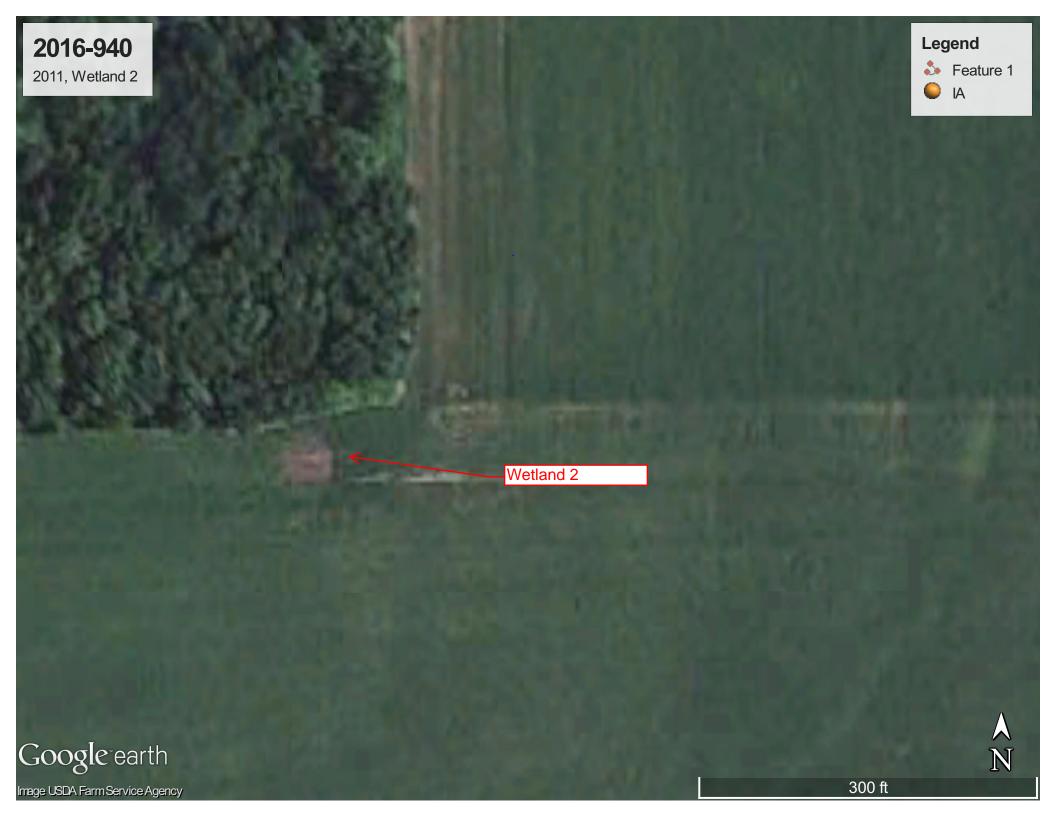
¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

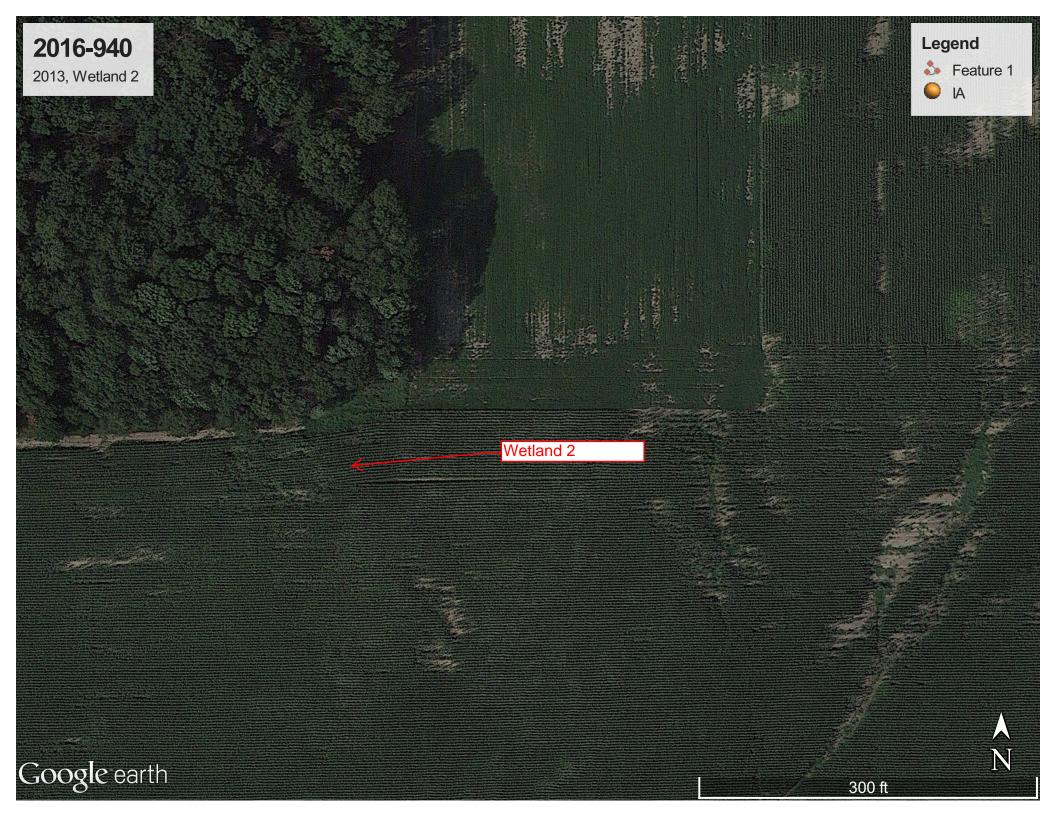
² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

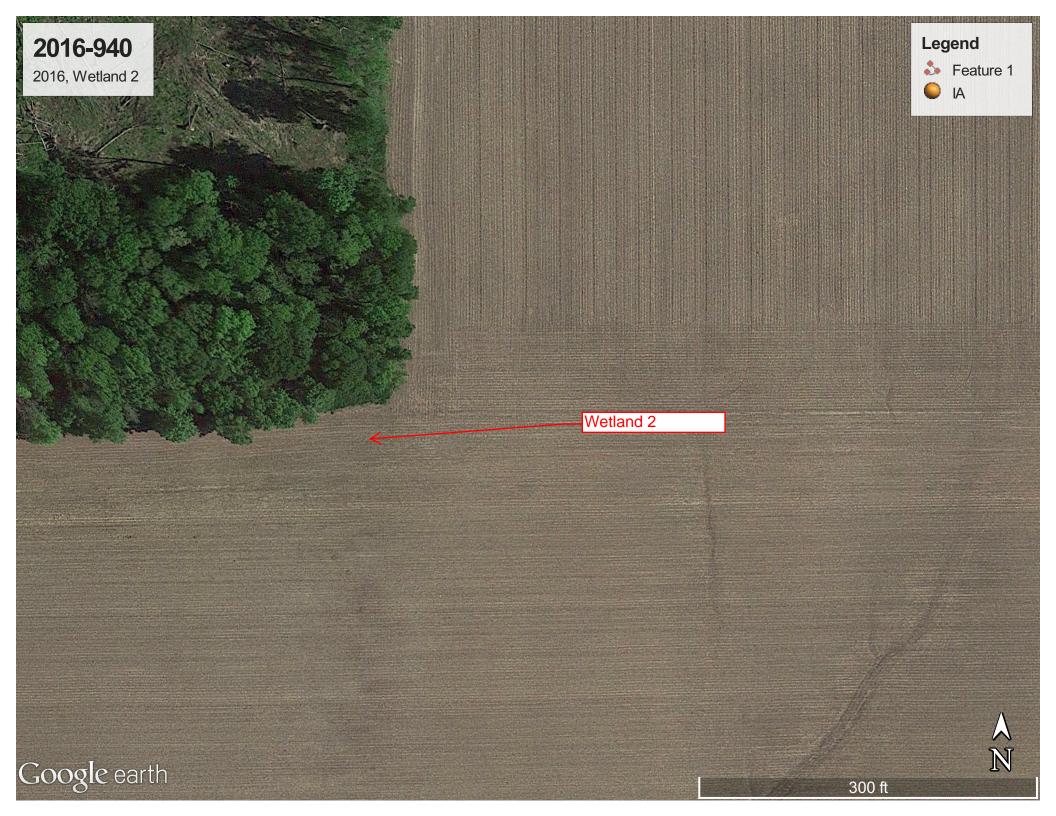
³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.



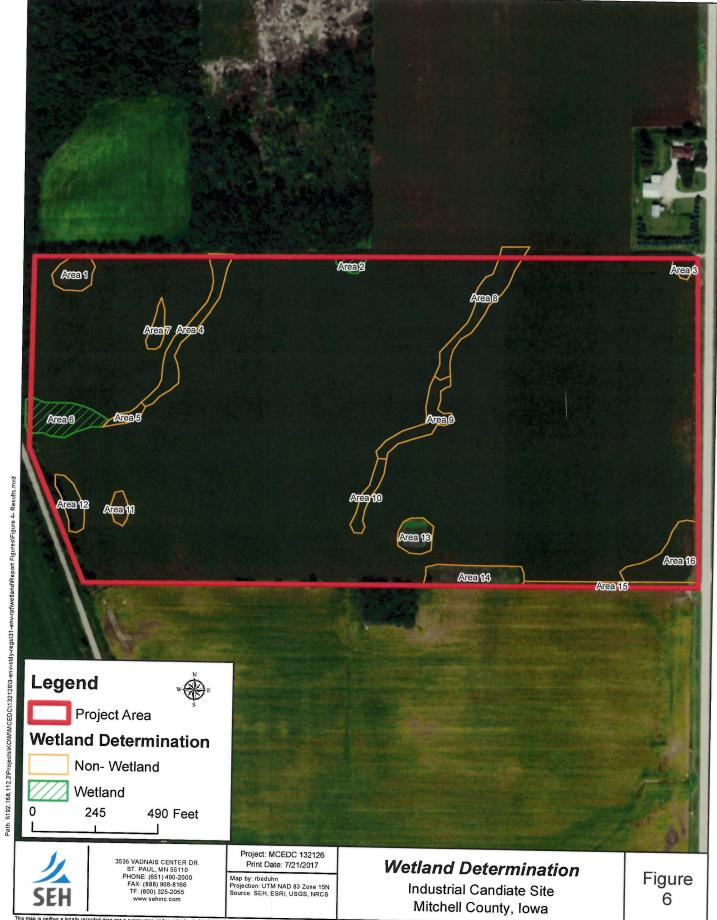












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SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

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.

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	Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

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 Conditions:

Watershed size: 1,085,007acres
Drainage area: 0.7 square miles
Average annual rainfall: 31-35 inches
Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through 3 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 30 (or more) river miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.

Project waters are Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

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Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: No.

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: Unnamed to Spring Creek to Cedar River to Iowa River to Mississippi River. Tributary stream order, if known: 1.

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.

(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: Natural
Artificial (man-made). Explain:
☐ Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: Tributary is mapped, but has been highly manipulated by agricultural activities and other development.
Thibytomy proporties with respect to top of healt (estimate):
Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 5 feet
Average depth: 3 feet Average side slopes: 2:1.
Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Highly manipulated. It appears several locations have been tiled and now flow subsurface. All analyis was completed by aerial photo interpretation. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: None. Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
(c) Flow: Tributary provides for: Intermittent but not seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 11-20 Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume: Stream stats was used to calculate drainage area
Surface flow is: Discrete and confined. Characteristics:
Subsurface flow: Yes. Explain findings: It appears that the tributary has been placed in agricultural tile in several locations, based on aerial photo review Dye (or other) test performed:
Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting scour sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. ⁷ Explain:Tributary is highly manipulated due to agricultural practices and has been placed in subsurface tile in certain locations.
If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):
High Tide Line indicated by: oil or scum line along shore objects fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings/characteristics tidal gauges other (list): Mean High Water Mark indicated by: survey to available datum; physical markings; wegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
(iii) Chemical Characteristics:
Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: The watershed and drainage area in which the tributary is located is highly altered due to agricultural activitie waters in the watershed that contribute to the tributary in question are likely high in nutrients and likely impacted with

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.

⁷Ibid.

herbicides and pesticides. Resource concerns in the watershed (identified by NRCS) include, sediment and erosion control, drinking water and source water protection, nutrient management, Wetland management and Stormwater and Wastewater management.

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

	(iv)		ogical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):
_			Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): The north and south side of the tributary has riparian cooridor.
			riparian cooridor are forested and are approximate 100 linear feet in width. The southern portions of riparian cooridor
othe	ers ap		to be uplands/emergent wetland areas.
			Wetland fringe. Characteristics: .
		\boxtimes	Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
anastian			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Small mammals and few aquatic organisms may use the tributary in
question.			
2.	Cha	ract	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)	Phy	sical Characteristics:
	(-)	-	General Wetland Characteristics:
		()	Properties:
			Wetland size: 1.09 acres
			Wetland type. Explain:Emergent/farmed.
			Wetland quality. Explain: Degraded due to agricultural activities.
			Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
			Flow is: Intermittent flow . Explain: .
			Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow
. 1		1	Characteristics: water flows from the wetland, west and through a culvert under the railroad tracks and then enters the
เทอเ	ıtary	desci	ribed above.
			Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: .
			Dye (or other) test performed:
			byc (or other) test performed.
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
		(0)	Directly abutting
			Not directly abutting Not directly abutting
			Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Water flows from the wetland to the west and through a
culv	ert u	nder	the railroad tracks and then enters the tributary described above.
			☐ Ecological connection. Explain: .
			Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
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		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW
			Project wetlands are 25-30 river miles from TNW.
			Project waters are 30 (or more) aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
			Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters.
			Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 5 - 10-year floodplain.
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	(ii)		emical Characteristics:
		Cna	racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed
			characteristics; etc.). Explain: The watershed and drainage area in which the tributary is located is highly altered due to
			agricultural activities. waters in the watershed that contribute to the tributary in questions are likely high in nutrients and likely impacted by herbicides and pesticides. Resource concerns in the watershed (identified by NRCS) include,
			sediment and erosion control, drinking water and source water protection, nutrient management, Wetland management
			and Stormwater and Wastewater management.
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		Idei	tary specific politicants, it known.
	(iii)	Biol	logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
	(Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):None. Areas adjacent to the wetland are all in agricultural use.
			Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: .
			Habitat for:
		_	Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)
All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 6

Approximately (6.28) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)
1. Y	3.28	2. Y	0.69
3. N	0.35	4. N	0.80
5. N	0.43	6. Y	0.73

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: The wetlands identified above provide mainly water quality and flood water attenuation qualities for the watershed. These wetlands are located in a high agricultural area and have the ability to filter nutrients from overland flow and discharge water back into the unnamed adjacent tributary.

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:
- 2. 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: The watershed in which the identified resources exists is highly agricultural in nature. Resource concerns in the watershed (identified by NRCS) include, sediment and erosion control, drinking water and source water protection, nutrient management, Wetland management and Stormwater and Wastewater management. The wetlands and the tributary identified above provide water quality benefits by reducing errosion and by filtering overland flow before it discharges into downstream waters. The TNW in which the resources flow is the Mississippi River. This TNW and the Gulf of Mexico have been identified as waters that have excessive nutrient issues. The wetlands and waterways in question do have the ability to treat water, which would, in return, provide for enhanced water quality downstream. While flow is identified as intermittent in nature, the identified resources would still provide these benefits during periods of high precipitation and flow events. For this reason the tributary in questions and the 6 adjacent wetlands do provide a more than insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of the TNW (Mississippi River).
- 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:

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

1.	TNWs and Adja	acent Wetlands.	Check all that apply	y and provide size estimates in review are	a:
	□ TNWs·	linear feet	width (ft) Or	acres	

	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. ☐ Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: ☐ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-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.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
4.	Wetlands 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: acres.
5.	Wetlands 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.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands 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.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 1.09 acres.
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.9 As a 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).

 $^{^8} See$ Footnote # 3. 9 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

Е.	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): 10 which 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. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: . Wetlands: acres.
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: 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.
	CTION 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: 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: Web Soil Survey. National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: State/Local wetland inventory map(s):

 $^{^{10}}$ 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 $\it Memorandum~Regarding~CWA~Act~Jurisdiction~Following~Rapanos$.

	FEMA/FIRM maps: .
	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
\boxtimes	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):
	or Other (Name & Date):
	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
	Applicable/supporting case law: .
	Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
\boxtimes	Other information (please specify):NRCS Rapid Watershed Assessment.
http	s://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ia/technical/dma/rwa/

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: