APPPROVED 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): 24 Jan 2018

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В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Nashville District, Jack Bell; LRN-2017-01009
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Tennessee County/parish/borough: Wilson City: Lebanon Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Latitude (NAD83) 36.2300 Longitude (NAD83) -86.3585 Universal Transverse Mercator: 16 Name of nearest waterbody: Unnamed Tributary (UT) to Horn Springs Branch Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Bartons Creek @ Mile 5.8L Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 051302010306 Bartons Creek; HUC-8 (05130201) Lower Cumberland-Old Hickory Lake
	The site contains two actively used farm ponds for livestock watering (Pond1, 0.43 acre; Pond2, 0.17 acre). According to the applicant, this 90 acre property has been farmed and maintained for 30 years, and the ponds were constructed years ago. These water resources are upland farm ponds, non-jurisdictional waters of the U.S. (WoUS), noted as "Pre-amble" waters detailed below.
	A sinkhole (0.007 acre) was identified on the property, and is not a jurisdictional WoUS.
	A perennial unnamed stream crosses the property (465' linear feet) in the southeast corner, and has surface connection to Horn Springs Branch. This stream is a jurisdictional water of the United States, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as it is a tributary to Bartons Creek, a TNW.
	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. 3	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): Office (Desk) Determination. Date: Field Determination. Date(s): 17 Nov 2017
	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	re Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) are review 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. С	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	re ARE "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. nuired An unnamed tributary (UT) to Horns Springs Branch
	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 waters ² (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

"seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

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

- b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: perennial stream 465 linear feet; 2'-6' width (ft) and/or 0.043 acres.
- c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: UT tributary has an established OHWM, a defined channel; base flow observation, sediment sorting, alluvial deposits, presence of fish and macro-invertebrates.

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): unknown

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: Two farm ponds excavated upland for the sole purpose to provide livestock watering on an active farm. The ponds are non-jurisdictional waters; and have no surface connection to a TNW. There are no wetlands onsite. The one sinkhole identified is non-jurisdictional, as it has no stream features. There is no surface connection to any TNW.

Pond1 (0.43 acre) and Pond2 (0.17 acre) were constructed upland for the purpose of livestock watering. Pond1 and Pond2 are not WoUS based on the preamble of 33 CFR 328, published in Federal Register Volume 51, Number 219, on November 13, 1986 (page 41217), which states:

"For clarification, it should be noted that we generally do not consider the following waters to be Waters of the United States.... (c) artificial lakes and ponds created by the excavation and/or diking of dry land to collect and retain water which are used exclusively for such purposes as stock watering, irrigation, settling basins or rice growing".

The sinkhole (0.007 acre) has no stream features, nor surface connection to any TNW.

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.

1. TNW

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.

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

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.

 Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly in 	nto TNW	indirectly	directly or	that flow	of non-TNWs	Characteristics	1.
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(i) ·	Wa Dra Ave	neral Area Conditions: tershed size: Pick List inage area: Pick List erage annual rainfall: inches erage annual snowfall: inches
(ii)		rsical Characteristics: Relationship with TNW: Tributary flows directly into TNW. Tributary flows through Pick List tributaries before entering TNW.
	٠	Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Identify flow route to TNW ⁵ : Tributary stream order, if known:
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: Natural Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: feet Average depth: feet Average side slopes: Pick List.
		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: Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Pick List Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:
		Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply):
		 □ Bed and banks □ OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply): □ clear, natural line impressed on the bank □ the presence of litter and debris

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

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.

	changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list): Discontinuous OHWM.7 Explain:	destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting scour multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community
If fact	tors other than the OHWM were used to determine later High Tide Line indicated by: oil or scum line along shore objects fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings/characteristics tidal gauges	al extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply) Mean High Water Mark indicated by: survey to available datum; physical markings; vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types. other (list):
(iii) (Chemical Characteristics:	
(Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolor characteristics, etc.). Explain: Identification	ed, oily film; water quality; general watershed y specific pollutants, if known:
(iv) I [[[Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average w. Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:	idth):
Chara	acteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flo	w directly or indirectly into TNW
	Physical Characteristics: a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries.	Explain:
(1	b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Pick List. Explain:	
	Surface flow is: Pick List Characteristics:	
	Subsurface flow: Pick List . Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:	•
(0	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: Directly abutting Not directly abutting Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:	
	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are Pick List river miles from TNV Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles f Flow is from: Pick List. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within	rom TNW.
C	hemical Characteristics: haracterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, be watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: lentify specific pollutants, if known:	rown, oil film on surface; water quality; general

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	(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): 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:
	3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)
	All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List Approximately () 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)
	Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:
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
	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:
	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 Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: 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: A perennial unnamed stream crosses the property (465' linear feet, 0.043 acre) in the southeast corner, and has surface connection to Horn Springs Branch, a tributary to Bartons Creek, a TNW. The unnamed tributary is a jurisdictional WoUS. The stream lies within the Arrington silt loam (0-2% slopes, occasionally flooded (floodplain), is non-hydric, and occupies 5.1% of the overall property. Other soils (with no aquatic features present) make up the remaining percentages. The Corps determined this to be a jurisdictional perennial stream (a relatively permanent water) with base flow present, changes in soil/vegetation, defined bed/bank, substrate sorting, and fish/macro-invertebrates.
	Additionally, based on information provided by the applicant's agent, normal rainfall for the preceding months July-Oct indicated rainfall at 1.87" was normal in July, and above normal August-September. There was no rainfall 7 days prior to the site visit and water was flowing. This data was obtained from the Tennessee Valley Authority rain gauge data for the Lebanon, Tennessee area.
	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: acres.
7.	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).

⁸See Footnote # 3.

To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

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 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: Chert 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: Other non-wetland waters: n/a; Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: 0 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): 0.60 acres total for 2 farm ponds; and one sinkhole.
	Based on available information, construction of Pond 1 (0.43 acre) and Pond 2 (0.17 acre) are active farm ponds, with no connection to WoUS.
	One sinkhole (0.007 acres) is a non-jurisdictional water, not regulated by the Corps; no surface connection to TNW.
	There are no wetlands.
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> 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): N/A 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): N/A
	Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft). Lakes/ponds: Other non-wetland waters:
SEC	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. Habitat Assessment Field Data Sheet – Moderate to High Gradient Stream; Rainfall data 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. USGS 1:24K Quad Name Lebanon U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: USGS 1:24K Quad Name Lebanon. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: 1 Dec 2017, attached. National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USGS 1:24K Quad Name Lebanon State/Local wetland inventory map(s): FEMA/FIRM maps:

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 Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
\boxtimes	Photographs: A crial (Name & Date): Google Earth, ORM 2.
	Or 🔀 Other (Name & Date): Onsite photos, CEC, Inc. (2 Oct 2017)
4	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
	Applicable/supporting case law: .
	Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
\boxtimes	Other information (please specify): TN Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) site visit determination
resu	Ited in isolated 2 farm ponds. I sinkhole, and one perennial stream, concurring with the applicant's agent determination.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: A site visit was conducted on 17 November 2017 along with TDEC. The entire site was assessed for aquatic resources; all have been identified above. The two farm ponds, and sinkhole have no hydrologic surface connection to downstream tributaries. These resources are non-jurisdictional waters. The perennial stream is jurisdictional, and if proposed for impact, would require a Department of the Army (DA) permit. If avoided, no DA permit would be required. All available resources were used to complete the determination, including topographic, soils data, and aerial maps.