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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Pre-2015 Regulatory Regime Approved Jurisdictional Determination in Light of *Sackett v. EPA*, 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023),¹ SWT-2024-00101, MFR 1 of 1.²

BACKGROUND. An Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) is a Corps document stating the presence or absence of waters of the United States on a parcel or a written statement and map identifying the limits of waters of the United States on a parcel. AJDs are clearly designated appealable actions and will include a basis of JD with the document.³ AJDs are case-specific and are typically made in response to a request. AJDs are valid for a period of five years unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date or a District Engineer has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.⁴ For the purposes of this AJD, we have relied on section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA),⁵ the Clean Water Act (CWA) implementing regulations published by the Department of the Army in 1986 and amended in 1993 (references 2.a. and 2.b. respectively), the 2008 Rapanos-Carabell guidance (reference 2.c.), and other applicable guidance, relevant case law and longstanding practice, (collectively the pre-2015 regulatory regime), and the Sackett decision (reference 2.d.) in evaluating jurisdiction.

This Memorandum for Record (MFR) constitutes the basis of jurisdiction for a Corps AJD as defined in 33 CFR §331.2. The features addressed in this AJD were evaluated consistent with the definition of "waters of the United States" found in the pre-2015 regulatory regime and consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett*. This AJD did not rely on the 2023 "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States," as

¹ While the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett* had no effect on some categories of waters covered under the CWA, and no effect on any waters covered under RHA, all categories are included in this Memorandum for Record for efficiency.

² When documenting aquatic resources within the review area that are jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act (CWA), use an additional MFR and group the aquatic resources on each MFR based on the TNW, interstate water, or territorial seas that they are connected to. Be sure to provide an identifier to indicate when there are multiple MFRs associated with a single AJD request (i.e., number them 1, 2, 3, etc.).

³ 33 CFR 331.2.

⁴ Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02.

⁵ USACE has authority under both Section 9 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 but for convenience, in this MFR, jurisdiction under RHA will be referred to as Section 10.

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amended on 8 September 2023 (Amended 2023 Rule) because, as of the date of this decision, the Amended 2023 Rule is not applicable in Texas due to litigation.

- 1. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.
 - a. Provide a list of each individual feature within the review area and the jurisdictional status of each one (i.e., identify whether each feature is/is not a water of the United States and/or a navigable water of the United States).

Waters Name	Cowardin Code	Amount	Units	Jurisdiction
WB-01	PUB	0.87	Acre	Jurisdictional
PO-01	PUB	1.22	Acre	Jurisdictional
WC-01	R4	273	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-02	R2	495	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-03	R4	255	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-07	R4	556	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-07b	R4	830	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-08a	R4	2461	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-08b	R2	283	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-18	R4	700	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-25	R4	484	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-27	R4	1323	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-32	R4	348	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-33	R4	689	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-36	R4	312	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-39	R4	514	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-42	R4	1200	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-45	R4	435	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-46	R4	507	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-47	R2	215	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-49	R4	403	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-50	R4	86	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-52	R4	453	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-53	R4	250	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WC-55	R4	350	Linear Feet	Jurisdictional
WB-02	PSS	0.71	Acre	Jurisdictional
WB-03	PUB	0.15	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WB-05	PUB	0.15	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WB-06	PUB	0.04	Acre	Non-jurisdictional

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WB-07	PUB	0.05	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
PO-02	POW	0.02	Acre	, Non-jurisdictional
PO-03	POW	0.45	Acre	, Non-jurisdictional
PO-04	POW	0.1	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WC-04	R6	295	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-05	R6	1375	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-06	R6	287	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-09	R6	129	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-10	R6	658	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-11	R6	303	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-12	R6	347	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-13	R6	176	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-14	R6	482	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-15a	R6	352	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-15b	R6	77	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-16	R6	261	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-17	R6	459	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-18b	R6	706	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-18c	R6	239	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-18d	R6	412	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-18e	R6	902	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-19	R6	375	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-20	R6	239	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-21	R6	261	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-22	R6	435	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-23	R6	387	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-24	R6	234	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-26	R6	396	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-28	R6	1149	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-29	R6	242	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-30	R6	344	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-31	R6	303	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-34	R6	157	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-35	R6	1954	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-37	R6	336	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-38	R6	271	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-40	R6	983	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-41	R6	260	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-43	R6	247	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional

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WC-44	R6	310	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-48	R6	279	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-51	R6	661	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-54	R6	461	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-56	R6	25	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-57	R6	360	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-58	R6	546	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WC-59	R6	99	Linear Feet	Non-jurisdictional
WB-04	PEM	0.11	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WB-08	PEM	0.14	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WB-09	PEM	0.02	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WB-10	PFO	1.71	Acre	Non-jurisdictional
WB-11	PEM	0.27	Acre	Non-jurisdictional

2. REFERENCES.

- a. Final Rule for Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers, 51 FR 41206 (November 13, 1986).
- b. Clean Water Act Regulatory Programs, 58 FR 45008 (August 25, 1993).
- c. U.S. EPA & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Following the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in *Rapanos v. United States & Carabell v. United States* (December 2, 2008)
- d. Sackett v. EPA, 598 U.S. _, 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023)
- e. Navigable Waters Subject to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act within Tulsa District, https://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Section-10-Waters/ (accessed October 2, 2023).
- 3. REVIEW AREA.

The review area is comprised of approximately 703 acres (see attached map), located at latitude 33.908279, longitude -99.081007, in the vicinity of Oklaunion, Baylor and Wilbarger Counties, Texas.

4. NEAREST TRADITIONAL NAVIGABLE WATER (TNW), INTERSTATE WATER, OR THE TERRITORIAL SEAS TO WHICH THE AQUATIC RESOURCE IS

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CONNECTED. Red River is the nearest downstream TNW (navigable under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899).⁶

- 5. FLOWPATH FROM THE SUBJECT AQUATIC RESOURCES TO A TNW, INTERSTATE WATER, OR THE TERRITORIAL SEAS: The on-site aquatic resources eventually flow to the Red River (TNW).
- 6. SECTION 10 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS⁷: Describe aquatic resources or other features within the review area determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Include the size of each aquatic resource or other feature within the review area and how it was determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10.⁸ No waters in the review area are navigable under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.
- 7. SECTION 404 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS: Describe the aquatic resources within the review area that were found to meet the definition of waters of the United States in accordance with the pre-2015 regulatory regime and consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett*. List each aquatic resource separately, by name, consistent with the naming convention used in section 1, above. Include a rationale for each aquatic resource, supporting that the aquatic resource meets the relevant category of "waters of the United States" in the pre-2015 regulatory regime. The rationale should also include a written description of, or reference to a map in the administrative record that shows, the lateral limits of jurisdiction for each aquatic resource, including how that limit was determined, and incorporate relevant references used. Include the size of each aquatic resource in acres or linear feet and attach and reference related figures as needed.
 - a. TNWs (a)(1): No waters in the review area are TNWs.
 - b. Interstate Waters (a)(2): N/A

⁶ This MFR should not be used to complete a new stand-alone TNW determination. A stand-alone TNW determination for a water that is not subject to Section 9 or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) 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.

⁷ 33 CFR 329.9(a) A waterbody which was navigable in its natural or improved state, or which was susceptible of reasonable improvement (as discussed in § 329.8(b) of this part) retains its character as "navigable in law" even though it is not presently used for commerce, or is presently incapable of such use because of changed conditions or the presence of obstructions.

⁸ This MFR is not to be used to make a report of findings to support a determination that the water is a navigable water of the United States. The district must follow the procedures outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a determination that water is a navigable water of the United States subject to Section 10 of the RHA.

- c. Other Waters (a)(3): N/A
- d. Impoundments (a)(4): Based on the information available at this time, including the delineation report, it was determined that the below impoundments were constructed on-channel (RPWs) and are thus jurisdictional.

WB-01, 0.87-acre PO-01, 1.22-acre

e. Tributaries (a)(5): The below tributaries are comprised of relatively permanent, standing or continuously flowing bodies of water, as referenced in the delineation report.

WC-01, 273 Linear Feet WC-02, 495 Linear Feet WC-03, 255 Linear Feet WC-07, 556 Linear Feet WC-07b. 830 Linear Feet WC-08a, 2,461 Linear Feet WC-08b, 283 Linear Feet WC-18, 700 Linear Feet WC-25, 484 Linear Feet WC-27, 1,323 Linear Feet WC-32, 348 Linear Feet WC-33, 689 Linear Feet WC-36, 312 Linear Feet WC-39, 514 Linear Feet WC-42. 1.200 Linear Feet WC-45, 435 Linear Feet WC-46, 507 Linear Feet WC-47, 215 Linear Feet WC-49, 403 Linear Feet WC-50. 86 Linear Feet WC-52, 453 Linear Feet WC-53, 250 Linear Feet WC-55, 350 Linear Feet

f. The territorial seas (a)(6): N/A

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g. Adjacent wetlands (a)(7): Based on the information available at this time, including the delineation report, it was determined that the below wetland abuts an RPW and is thus jurisdictional.

WB-02, 0.71-acre

8. NON-JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES AND FEATURES

a. Describe aquatic resources and other features within the review area identified as "generally non-jurisdictional" in the preamble to the 1986 regulations (referred to as "preamble waters").⁹ Include size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to be non-jurisdictional under the CWA as a preamble water. The following preamble waters are artificial pond(s) created by excavating/diking dry land, used exclusively for purposes such as stock watering, irrigation, settling basins, or rice growing:

WB-03, 0.15-acre WB-05, 0.15-acre WB-06, 0.04-acre WB-07, 0.05-acre PO-02, 0.02-acre PO-03, 0.45-acre PO-04, 0.1-acre

- b. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area identified as "generally not jurisdictional" in the *Rapanos* guidance. Include size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to be non-jurisdictional under the CWA based on the criteria listed in the guidance. N/A
- c. Describe aquatic resources and features identified within the review area as waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of CWA. Include the size of the waste treatment system within the review area and describe how it was determined to be a waste treatment system. N/A
- d. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area determined to be prior converted cropland in accordance with the 1993 regulations (reference 2.b.). Include the size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to be prior converted cropland. N/A

⁹ 51 FR 41217, November 13, 1986.

- e. Describe aquatic resources (i.e. lakes and ponds) within the review area, which do not have a nexus to interstate or foreign commerce, and prior to the January 2001 Supreme Court decision in "*SWANCC*," would have been jurisdictional based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule." Include the size of the aquatic resource or feature, and how it was determined to be an "isolated water" in accordance with *SWANCC*. N/A
- f. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area that were determined to be non-jurisdictional because they do not meet one or more categories of waters of the United States under the pre-2015 regulatory regime consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett* (e.g., tributaries that are non-relatively permanent waters; non-tidal wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connection to a jurisdictional water). The following features are intrastate streams, lacking characteristics of Relatively Permanent Waters, rather they are characterized by low volume, infrequent, or short duration flow and non-tidal wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connectional water as referenced in the delineation report:

WC-04, 295 Linear Feet WC-05, 1,375 Linear Feet WC-06, 287 Linear Feet WC-09, 129 Linear Feet WC-10, 658 Linear Feet WC-11. 303 Linear Feet WC-12, 347 Linear Feet WC-13. 176 Linear Feet WC-14, 482 Linear Feet WC-15a, 352 Linear Feet WC-15b, 77 Linear Feet WC-16, 261 Linear Feet WC-17, 459 Linear Feet WC-18b. 706 Linear Feet WC-18c, 239 Linear Feet WC-18d. 412 Linear Feet WC-18e, 902 Linear Feet WC-19, 375 Linear Feet WC-20, 239 Linear Feet WC-21, 261 Linear Feet WC-22, 435 Linear Feet WC-23. 387 Linear Feet WC-24, 234 Linear Feet

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WC-26, 396 Linear Feet WC-28, 1,149 Linear Feet WC-29, 242 Linear Feet WC-30, 344 Linear Feet WC-31, 303 Linear Feet WC-34, 157 Linear Feet WC-35, 1,954 Linear Feet WC-37, 336 Linear Feet WC-38, 271 Linear Feet WC-40. 983 Linear Feet WC-41, 260 Linear Feet WC-43. 247 Linear Feet WC-44, 310 Linear Feet WC-48, 279 Linear Feet WC-51, 661 Linear Feet WC-54, 461 Linear Feet WC-56, 25 Linear Feet WC-57, 360 Linear Feet WC-58, 546 Linear Feet WC-59. 99 Linear Feet WB-04, 0.11-acre WB-08, 0.14-acre WB-09, 0.02-acre WB-10, 1.71-acre WB-11, 0.27-acre

- 9. DATA SOURCES. List sources of data/information used in making determination. Include titles and dates of sources used and ensure that information referenced is available in the administrative record.
 - a. Google Earth Aerial Imagery (1995 2020)
 - b. USGS Topographic Map Layer (USA Topo Maps, accessed 27 Jun 2025)
 - c. Westwood, Jurisdictional Determination Request/Delineation Report, 08 Feb 2024
- 10. OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION. N/A
- 11.NOTE: The structure and format of this MFR were developed in coordination with the EPA and Department of the Army. The MFR's structure and format may be subject to future modification or may be rescinded as needed to implement additional guidance from the agencies; however, the approved jurisdictional determination described herein is a final agency action.

















































