## 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): June 3, 2014
- B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: LRB, Maines Paper and Food Service Inc, DA No. 2013-01149, Wetlands A-H
- C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State	e: Ohio County/parish/borough: Cuyahoga City: Oakwood
Cent	ter coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 41.36011 °, Long81.52006 °
	Universal Transverse Mercator: 5T
Nam	e of nearest waterbody: Indian Creel
Nam	e of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Cuyahoga River
Nam	ne of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 04110002
	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
REV	VIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):
	Office (Desk) Determination. Date: 5T

# SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

D.

# A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

Field Determination. Date(s): April 25, 2014, 5T

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. [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: 5T

## B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are and are not "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):	1

	TNWs, including territorial seas
	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
	Relatively permanent waters <sup>2</sup> (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
V	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: 5T linear feet: 5T width (ft) and/or 5T acres. Wetlands: 0.15 acres.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 7T

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): 5T

# 2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>3</sup>

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: Wetlands B, C, D, E, F, and H were determined to have no surface or shallow subsurface water connection with the downstream TNW. They were also determined to have no ecological connection with the downstream TNW as there was no evidence of the presence of amphibians or other aquatic habitats that would share a connection between the wetlands and the downstream TNW.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

#### 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: 7T

Summarize rationale supporting determination: 5T

#### 2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": 5T

## 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 waterbody 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)	Wat	neral Area Conditions: tershed size: 5T 7T inage area: 7T 7T				
		Average annual rainfall: 7T inches Average annual snowfall: 7T inches				
(ii) Physical Characteristics:  (a) Relationship with TNW:  Tributary flows directly into TNW.  Tributary flows through 7T tributaries before entering TN  Project waters are 7T river miles from TNW.  Project waters are 7T river miles from RPW.  Project waters are 7T aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  Project waters are 7T aerial (straight) miles from RPW.  Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: 7T						
		Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> : 7T Tributary stream order, if known: 7T				
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is: Natural  Artificial (man-made). Explain: 7T				
		Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: 7T				

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.

		Ave Ave	ry properties with re crage width: 7T feet crage depth: 7T feet crage side slopes: 7T		to top of bank (esti	mate	):			
		Primary	tributary substrate c Silts	ompos	ition (check all tha Sands	t app	ly):		Concrete	
			Cobbles		Gravel				Muck	
			Bedrock		Vegetation. Type	e/% c	over: 7T			
			Other. Explain: 7T	,						
		Presence Tributary	y condition/stability of run/riffle/pool co y geometry: 7T y gradient (approxin	omplex	kes. Explain: 7T	ughir	ng banks]. E	Explai	n: 7T	
	(c)	Estimate Des	y provides for: 7T average number of cribe flow regime: 7 formation on duration	7T		a/yea	ar: 7T			
		Surface f	flow is: 7T Characte	eristics	:: 7T					
			ce flow: 7T Explain Dye (or other) test		-					
			whas (check all that Bed and banks OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all clear, natural lichanges in the shelving vegetation matter leaf litter disturbed sediment depositions water staining other (list): 7T Discontinuous OH	I indicented in the important of the indicented downstands of the indicented in the	eators that apply): bressed on the bank ter of soil wn, bent, or absent washed away		destruction the presence sediment s scour multiple of	n of te ce of v sorting		
			High Tide Line inc	licated along bris de	by: g shore objects posits (foreshore)		ean High W survey to a physical m	ater M availal narkin		
			other (list): 7T							
(111)	Cha	racterize t Explain:				, oily	film; water	r quali	ity; general watershed characteristics, et	tc.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A 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.

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(iv)	Bio	logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): 7T
		Wetland fringe. Characteristics: 7T
		Habitat for:
		Federally Listed species. Explain findings: 7T
		Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: 7T
		Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: 7T
		Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: 7T
2. Ch		eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
(i)		Sical Characteristics:  General Wetland Characteristics:  Properties:  Wetland size: 0.15 acres  Wetland type. Explain: PFO  Wetland quality. Explain: Low to moderate  Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: 7T
wetland		General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Ephemeral Flow Explain: The wetland feeds into and off-site tributary to the north. No water was flowing from the he stream was observed at the time of the site visit. Flow is expected following heavy rainfall events and following snowmelt.
		Surface flow is: Discrete Characteristics: 7T
		Subsurface flow: Unknown Explain findings: 7T  Dye (or other) test performed: 7T
	(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:  □ Directly abutting
		Not directly abutting  Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Wetland A is connected to an unnamed tributary to the north via non-jurisdictional drainageway and then through a wetland area before entering the stream. The unnamed tributary flows north into another unnamed tributary which flows west and then north into Tinkers Creek. Tinkers Creek flows west into the Cuyahoga River which is a TNW.  Ecological connection. Explain: 7T
		Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: 7T
	(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 5-10 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 2-5 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to Navigable Waters Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 500-year or greater floodplain.
(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: uracterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: No standing water was observed at the time of the site visit ntify specific pollutants, if known: 7T
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# Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

2.

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 1

Approximately (0.15) 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)
Wetland A N	0.15		

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Wetland A stores runoff, filters pollutants, and settles sediment. The wetland also provides habitat for terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna.

#### 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: 7T
- 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: 7T
- 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: Wetland A is connected to an unnamed tributary to the north of the site via a non-jurisdictional drainageway and then through a wetland area. The unnamed tributary flows north into another unnamed tributary which flows west and then north into Tinkers Creek. Tinkers Creek flows west into the Cuyahoga River which is a TNW. Wetland A has a significant nexus with the downstream TNW. The wetland stores runoff, filter pollutants, and settles sediment that would otherwise be transported to the downstream TNW. Sources of impairment within the Cuyahoga River watershed include land development, urbanization, suburbanization, urban runoff, and storm sewers. Since the wetland is located in close proximity to commercial development and receives a majority of its hydrology from precipitation and runoff associated with the adjacent development, it provides an important function of reducing the effects of runoff and storm sewer impacts on the downstream TNW. The wetland supplies the downstream TNW with a cleaner source of water that will aid in reducing impairments.

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

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1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:
	TNWs: 7T linear feet 7T width (ft), Or, 7T acres.
	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: 7T 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: 7T.
	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: 7T.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):
	Tributary waters: 7T linear feet 7T width (ft).
	Other non-wetland waters: 7T acres.
	Identify type(s) of waters: 7T

	3.		-RPWs <sup>8</sup> 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.
			ride estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: 7T linear feet 7T width (ft).
			Other non-wetland waters: 7T acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: 7T
	4.		<ul> <li>lands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.</li> <li>Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.</li> <li>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: 7T</li> <li>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: 7T</li> </ul>
			Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 7T acres.
	5.		lands 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.
		Prov	ride acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 7T acres.
	6.	V	lands 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.
		Prov	ride estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.15 acres.
	7.	Impo	oundments of jurisdictional waters. 9 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).
E.	OR	DES	ED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION TRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK AT APPLY): <sup>10</sup>
		whic	ch are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
			which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
			ch are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
			estate isolated waters. Explain: 7T
		Othe	er factors. Explain: 7T
	Ide	ntify v	water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: 7T
	Pro	Tribu	stimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): utary waters: 7T linear feet 7T width (ft).
			er non-wetland waters: 7T acres.
	_		dentify type(s) of waters: 7T
		Wetl	lands: 7T acres.

 <sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.
 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 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.

F.	NO	N-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.
	V	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 <u>solely</u> on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
		Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: 7T
		Other: (explain, if not covered above): 7T
	(i.e.,	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors, presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment all that apply):
		Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): 7T linear feet 7T width (ft).
		Lakes/ponds: 7T acres.
		Other non-wetland waters: 7T acres. List type of aquatic resource: 7T.
	V	Wetlands: ~0.54 acres.
		vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a ing is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):
		Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): 7T linear feet 7T width (ft).
		Lakes/ponds: 7T acres.
		Other non-wetland waters: 7T acres. List type of aquatic resource: 7T.
		Wetlands: 7T acres.
SEC	CTIO	N IV: DATA SOURCES.
A. S		PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and lested, appropriately reference sources below):  Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: 7T
	~	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: 7T
		Corps navigable waters' study: 7T
		U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: 7T
		USGS NHD data.
		USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
	~	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 7.5 Minute Northfield
	~	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Cuyahoga County
	~	National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: 7.5 Minute Northfield
		State/Local wetland inventory map(s): 7T
		FEMA/FIRM maps: 7T
		100-year Floodplain Elevation is: 7T (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
	1	Photographs:  Aerial (Name & Date): Googlemaps (ORM2)
		or Cher (Name & Date): 7T
		Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: 7T
		Applicable/supporting case law: 7T
		Applicable/supporting scientific literature: 7T
		Other information (please specify): 7T

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: 7T

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Peter J. Krakowiak	Date
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