



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
REGULATORY PROGRAM  
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM)  
NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 3/1/2021

ORM Number: LRB-2020-00153

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: NY City: Hamburg County/Parish/Borough: Erie

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 42.77232 Longitude -78.85835

**II. FINDINGS**

**A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
- There are “navigable waters of the United States” within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
- There are “waters of the United States” within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
- There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

**B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>**

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

**C. Clean Water Act Section 404**

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup>				
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):				
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):				
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):				
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

<sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination 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. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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**D. Excluded Waters or Features**

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wetland 1	0.152	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	The delineation indicated no drainages or tributaries touch or go through the wetland. The wetland is a shallow surface concave depression that collects water and holds it long enough to provide wetland characteristics but do not drain to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. Photos and aerial imagery included within the delineation report show no natural or artificial barrier between this wetland any tributary, nor were any observed during the site visit. The nearest intermittent stream is 128 feet away on the property. The NRCS/USDA Web Soil Survey “Flood Frequency Class” rating is “none” which means flooding is not probable. The chance of flooding is nearly 0 percent in any year. All resources reviewed support the determination that the wetland does not directly abut any a(1)-a(3) waters, is not inundated by any a(1)-a(3) waters in a typical year, is not separated from any a(1)-a(3) waters by a natural barrier, and is not separated from any a(1)-a(3) waters by man-made barrier which has an engineered feature that allows water exchange at least once in a typical year.

**III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**A. Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

- Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: [Wetland Delineation Report for the El Don Battery Post, submitted in 2020](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [The wetland delineation was submitted with accurate and complete data sheets, photographs, NWI and NYSDEC maps, web soil survey and other supporting information.](#)

- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\)](#).
- Photographs: [Aerial and Other: Provided in the wetland delineation](#)
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [6/30/2020](#)
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [ORM Number\(s\) and date\(s\)](#).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [Erie County](#)
- USFWS NWI maps: [Erie County](#)
- USGS topographic maps: [1:24K Buffalo SE](#)

<sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

<sup>5</sup> Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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**Other data sources used to aid in this determination:**

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

**B. Typical year assessment(s):** The APT pulls precipitation data from NOAA's Daily Global Historical Climatology Network. The APT evaluates normal precipitation conditions based on the three 30-day periods preceding the observation date. For each period, a weighted condition value is assigned by determining whether the 30-day precipitation total falls within, above, or below the 70th and 30th percentiles for totals from the same date range over the preceding 30 years. The APT then makes a determination of "normal," "wetter than normal," or "drier than normal" based on the condition value sum. The APT also displays results generated via the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) and the University of Delaware WebWIMP.

Inputs/Data Sources:

Latitude(s)/Longitude(s): 42.77232, -78.85835

Observation Date(s): June 30, 2020

Geographic Area(s) (Scope): HUC 12 watershed

Weather Station(s): Fort Erie, Blasdell, Hamburg, W. Seneca, Buffalo, Kenmore, and Tonawanda

Result(s):

APT: Normal Conditions

PDSI: Incipient Drought

WebWIMP: Wet season

Conclusion: Results of the APT evaluation indicate that the site visit was conducted during the wet season and under incipient drought conditions, but overall normal. Considering that no indication of inundation from an a(1)-a(3) water was observed during these conditions for wetland 1 it is unlikely inundation would occur in a typical year. Thus, this wetland does not meet the criteria for adjacency to an a(1)-a(3) water. As stated above, the other resources reviewed support the determination that these wetlands do not directly abut an a(1)-a(3) waters and are not separated from an a(1)-a(3) waters by a natural or man-made feature. Therefore, this wetland is excluded from jurisdiction.

**C. Additional comments to support AJD:** Wetland 2 and Streams 1 and 2 remain jurisdictional as per the Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination dated May 29, 2020.