



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403-5107

March 29, 2006

Regulatory Division

Mr. Lafayette Lyle
Soil and Wetland Consulting, Incorporated
153 Bachelor Hill Road
Walterboro, South Carolina 29488

Re: SAC 81-2006-0285
Jasper County

Dear Mr. Lyle:

This is in response to your letter of February 8, 2006, requesting a wetland determination, on behalf of Mr. Matt Green, for a 181.81-acre tract located adjacent and south of US17, about 0.5-mile east of I-95, in the Point South area near the community of Pocatligo, Jasper County, South Carolina. The project area is depicted on the survey plat you submitted which was prepared by TG Stanley, Jr., signed 1-31-06, and entitled: *"This Plat Prepared At The Request Of / Live Oak Group / A Wetland Survey Of A Portion Of / Tax Map # 091-00-01-016, / Point South Area, Jasper County, South Carolina"*.

This plat depicts surveyed boundaries of wetlands or other waters of the United States as established by your office. You have requested that this office verify the accuracy of this mapping as a true representation of wetlands or other waters of the United States within the regulatory authority of this office. The property in question contains 31.84 acres of federally defined jurisdictional freshwater wetlands or other waters of the United States subject to the jurisdiction of this office. The location and configuration of these areas are reflected on the plat referenced above.

Based on a review of aerial photography, soil survey information and your submitted data, it has been determined that the surveyed jurisdictional boundaries shown on the referenced plat are an accurate representation of jurisdictional areas within our regulatory authority. This office should be contacted prior to performing any work in these areas. Enclosed is a form describing the basis of jurisdiction for the areas in question. You should also be aware that these areas may be subject to restrictions or requirements of other state or local governmental entities.

If a permit application is forthcoming as a result of this delineation, a copy of this letter, as well as the verified survey plat, should be submitted as part of the application. Otherwise, a delay could occur in confirming that a delineation was performed for the permit project area.

Please be advised that this determination is valid for five (5) years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the delineation before the expiration date. All actions concerning this determination must be complete within this time frame, or an additional delineation must be conducted. This **approved** jurisdictional determination is an appealable action under the Corps of Engineers administrative appeal procedures defined at 33 CFR 331. The administrative appeal options, process and appeals request form is attached for your convenience and use.

In future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to SAC 81-2006-0285. You may still need state or local assent. Prior to performing any work, you should contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to them for their information.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free (outside of the Charleston area) at 1-866-329-8187.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Hinchcliff', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Paul Hinchcliff
Biologist

Enclosures:

Basis for Jurisdiction
Notification of Appeal Options
Customer Service Survey

Copy Furnished:

South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Revised 8/13/04

DISTRICT OFFICE: SAC_Charleston

FILE NUMBER: _____ **SAC 81-2006-0285** _____

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

State: South Carolina

County: Jasper

Center coordinates of site (latitude/longitude): 80.86870 x 32.63051

Approximate size of area (parcel) reviewed, including uplands: 181.81 acres.

Name of nearest waterway: pocotaligo river

Name of watershed: broad-st helena

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

Completed: Desktop determination

Date: 28mar06

Site visit(s)

Date(s):

Jurisdictional Determination (JD):

Preliminary JD - Based on available information, *there appear to be* (or) *there appear to be no* "waters of the United States" and/or "navigable waters of the United States" on the project site. A preliminary JD is not appealable (Reference 33 CFR part 331).

Approved JD - An approved JD is an appealable action (Reference 33 CFR part 331).
Check all that apply:

There are "navigable waters of the United States" (as defined by 33 CFR part 329 and associated guidance) within the reviewed area. Approximate size of jurisdictional area:

There are "waters of the United States" (as defined by 33 CFR part 328 and associated guidance) within the reviewed area. Approximate size of jurisdictional area: 31.84ac.

There are "isolated, non-navigable, intra-state waters or wetlands" within the reviewed area.
 Decision supported by SWANCC/Migratory Bird Rule Information Sheet for Determination of No Jurisdiction.

BASIS OF JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:

A. Waters defined under 33 CFR part 329 as "navigable waters of the United States":

The presence of waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

B. Waters defined under 33 CFR part 328.3(a) as "waters of the United States":

(1) The presence of waters, which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

(2) The presence of interstate waters including interstate wetlands¹.

(3) The presence of other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate commerce including any such waters (check all that apply):

(i) which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.

(ii) from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.

(iii) which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.

(4) Impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the US.

(5) The presence of a tributary to a water identified in (1) - (4) above.

(6) The presence of territorial seas.

(7) The presence of wetlands adjacent² to other waters of the US, except for those wetlands adjacent to other wetlands.

Rationale for the Basis of Jurisdictional Determination (applies to any boxes checked above). *If the jurisdictional water or wetland is not itself a navigable water of the United States, describe connection(s) to the downstream navigable waters. If B(1) or B(3) is used as the Basis of Jurisdiction, document navigability and/or interstate commerce connection (i.e., discuss site conditions, including why the waterbody is navigable and/or how the destruction of the waterbody could affect interstate or foreign commerce). If B(2, 4, 5 or 6) is used as the Basis of Jurisdiction, document the rationale used to make the determination. If B(7) is used as the Basis of Jurisdiction, document the rationale used to make adjacency determination:*

B3: Wetlands, as per '87 Manual, occur on the site and drain overland and
 B5: through drainage ditches to the south and east to the Pocotaligo River

Lateral Extent of Jurisdiction: (Reference: 33 CFR parts 328 and 329)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinary High Water Mark indicated by: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Tide Line indicated by: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> clear, natural line impressed on the bank | <input type="checkbox"/> oil or scum line along shore objects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the presence of litter and debris | <input type="checkbox"/> fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> changes in the character of soil | <input type="checkbox"/> physical markings/characteristics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> destruction of terrestrial vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> tidal gages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shelving | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |

- Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
 survey to available datum; physical markings; vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

- Wetland boundaries, as shown on the attached wetland delineation map and/or in a delineation report prepared by: SWC

Basis For Not Asserting Jurisdiction:

- The reviewed area consists entirely of uplands.
 Unable to confirm the presence of waters in 33 CFR part 328(a)(1, 2, or 4-7).
 Headquarters declined to approve jurisdiction on the basis of 33 CFR part 328.3(a)(3).
 The Corps has made a case-specific determination that the following waters present on the site are not Waters of the United States:
- Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons, pursuant to 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - Artificially irrigated areas, which would revert to upland if the irrigation ceased.
 - Artificial lakes and ponds created by excavating and/or diking dry land to collect and retain water and which are used exclusively for such purposes as stock watering, irrigation, settling basins, or rice growing.
 - Artificial reflecting or swimming pools or other small ornamental bodies of water created by excavating and/or diking dry land to retain water for primarily aesthetic reasons.
 - Water-filled depressions created in dry land incidental to construction activity and pits excavated in dry land for the purpose of obtaining fill, sand, or gravel unless and until the construction or excavation operation is abandoned and the resulting body of water meets the definition of waters of the United States found at 33 CFR 328.3(a).
 - Isolated, intrastate wetland with no nexus to interstate commerce.
 - Prior converted cropland, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Explain rationale:**
- Non-tidal drainage or irrigation ditches excavated on dry land. Explain rationale:
 - Other (explain):

DATA REVIEWED FOR JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (mark all that apply):

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant.
- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant.
- This office concurs with the delineation report, dated 8-6-05, prepared by (company): SWC
- This office does not concur with the delineation report, dated _____, prepared by (company): _____
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps.
- Corps' navigable waters' studies:
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:
- U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Topographic maps:
- U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Historic quadrangles: SC/yemassee
- U.S. Geological Survey 15 Minute Historic quadrangles:
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey: jasper10
- National wetlands inventory maps:
- State/Local wetland inventory maps:
- FEMA/FIRM maps (Map Name & Date):
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: _____ (NGVD)
- Aerial Photographs (Name & Date): SC99/11213:117
- Other photographs (Date):
- Advanced Identification Wetland maps:
- Site visit/determination conducted on: 24mar06
- Applicable/supporting case law:
- Other information (please specify):

Signature: Project Manager _____



¹Wetlands are identified and delineated using the methods and criteria established in the Corps Wetland Delineation Manual (87 Manual) (i.e., occurrence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetland hydrology).

²The term "adjacent" means bordering, contiguous, or neighboring. Wetlands separated from other waters of the U.S. by man-made dikes or barriers, natural river berms, beach dunes, and the like are also adjacent.

Applicant:	File Number:	Date:
Attached is:	See Section below	
	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	A
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	B
	PERMIT DENIAL	C
X	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I of the following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/amer/functions/cw/decisions/corps-regulations.asp> (CFR Part 33).

- A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.**
- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
 - **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.
- B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit**
- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
 - **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.**
- D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.**
- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
 - **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer, South Atlantic Division, 60 Forsyth St, SW, Atlanta, GA 30308-8801. This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.**

... or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact the Corps biologist who signed the letter to which this notification is attached. The name and telephone number of this person is given at the end of the letter.

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact the Coordinator for Appeals in our South Atlantic Division Office in Atlanta, Georgia at (404) 562-5136.

60 Forsyth St, SW Atlanta, GA 30308-8801

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.	Date:	Telephone number:
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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403-5107

Re: Customer Service Survey

We at the Charleston District U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division are committed to improving service to our customers and would like to know how we have been doing. To identify how we can better serve you, we need your help. Please take the time to fill out the attached brief survey and mail it back to us at:

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division
Customer Survey
69 A Hagood Ave.
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

Your honest opinions will help us determine areas in which we need to improve.

Sincerely,

Tina B. Hadden
Chief, Regulatory Division

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