



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT  
7400 LEAKE AVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118-3651

March 29, 2022

Regulatory Division  
Jurisdiction and Enforcement Branch

Mr. Michael Henry  
HYDRIC Wetlands Consultants  
2323 Highway 190 East, Suite 2  
Hammond, LA 70401

Dear Mr. Henry:

Reference is made to your request, on behalf of Joe Demarco, Inc., for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) jurisdictional determination on property located in Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (enclosed map). Specifically, this property is identified as a  $\pm 154.0$  acres site on and north of Vineyard Road located in Hammond.

Based on review of recent maps, aerial photography, soils data, the delineation report provided with your request, and a site inspection conducted on March 3, 2022, we have determined that part of the property contains wetlands and non-wetland waters that may be subject to Corps' jurisdiction. The approximate limits of the wetlands and non-wetland waters are designated in red and blue, respectively, on the map. A Department of the Army (DA) permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required prior to the deposition or redistribution of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.

The delineation included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular site identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

You and your client are advised that this preliminary jurisdictional determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision prior to the expiration date. Additionally, this determination is only valid for the identified project or individual(s) only and is not to be used for decision-making by any other individual or entity.

Should there be any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Linville at (504) 862-2227 and reference our Account No. MVN-2021-01273-SL. If you have specific questions regarding the permit process or permit applications, please contact our Eastern Evaluation Branch at (504) 862-2292.

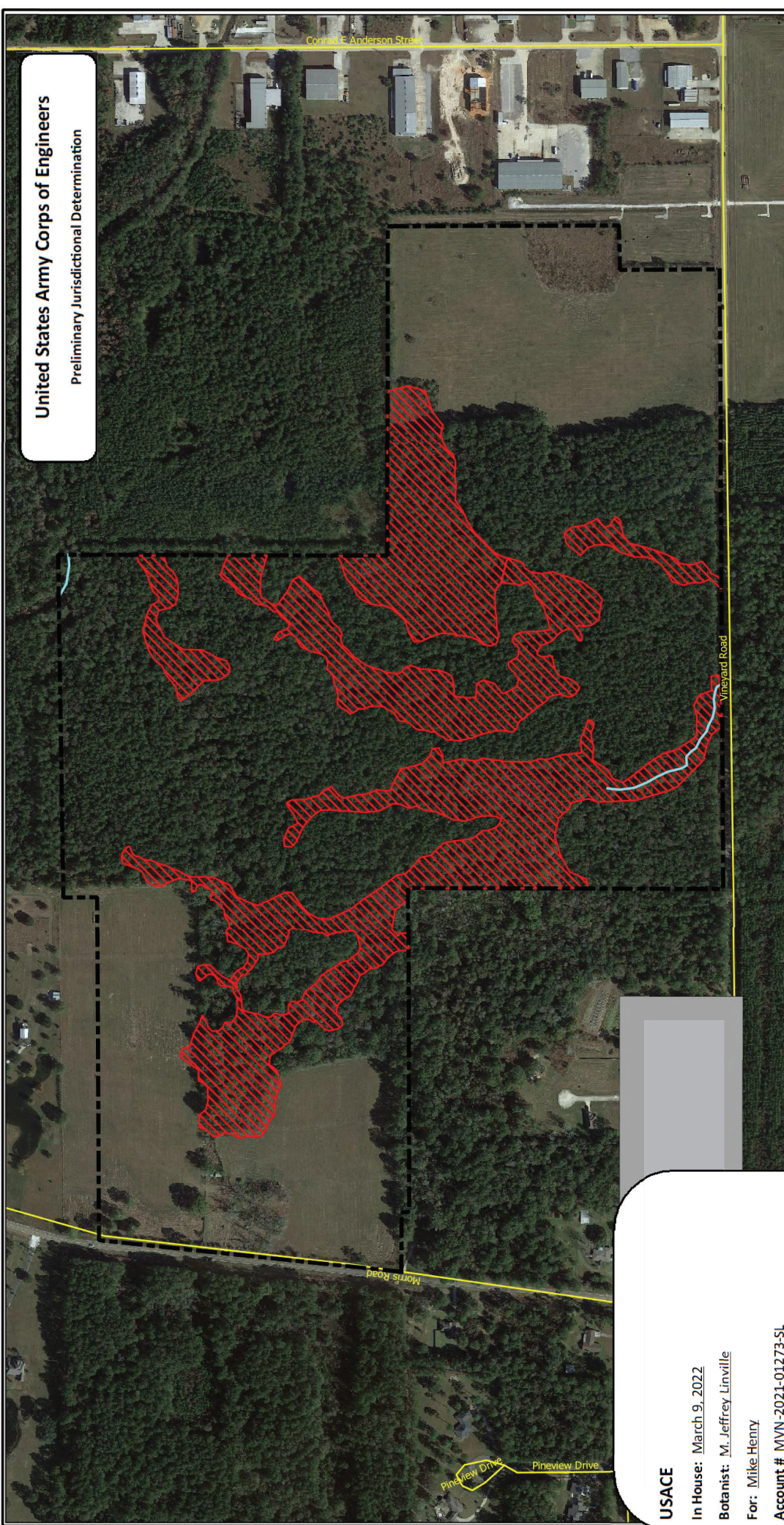
Sincerely,  
**William  
Nethery**  
for Martin S. Mayer  
Chief, Regulatory Division

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William Nethery  
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Enclosures



United States Army Corps of Engineers  
Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination



**USACE**

In House: March 9, 2022  
Botanist: M. Jeffrey Linville  
For: Mike Henry  
Account # MVN-2021-01273-SL



Wetlands



Non-Wetland Waters



J.D. Review Area



**JOE DEMARCO INC**

**GENERAL VICINITY**

**FIGURE 9**

HF:21 0708

DATE:REV 030822



ONLY. THIS IS NOT A LEGAL SURVEY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS SUCH. ASSESSMENT  
PLACE AT THE TIME OF REVIEW. HYDRIC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGES IN  
REGISTRATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE FUTURE OUTCOME OF POTENTIAL JURISDICTION.



**PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (PJD) FORM**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR PJD:** March 29, 2022

**B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING PJD:**

Mr. Michael Henry  
HYDRIK Wetlands Consultants  
2323 Highway 190 East, Suite 2  
Hammond, LA 70401

**C. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:** MVN-2021-01273-SL

**D. PROJECT LOCATION(S) AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**(USE THE TABLE BELOW TO DOCUMENT MULTIPLE AQUATIC RESOURCES AND/OR AQUATIC RESOURCES AT DIFFERENT SITES)**

State: Louisiana County/parish/borough: Tangipahoa City: Hammond

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format):

Lat.: 30.53797 ° Long.: -90.42554 °

Universal Transverse Mercator: 15N

Name of nearest waterbody: Skulls Creek

**E. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

☒ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: 02/14/2022

☒ Field Determination. Date(s): 03/03/2022

**TABLE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES IN REVIEW AREA WHICH "MAY BE" SUBJECT TO REGULATORY JURISDICTION.**

| Site number | Latitude (decimal degrees) | Longitude (decimal degrees) | Estimated amount of aquatic resource in review area (acreage and linear feet, if applicable) | Type of aquatic resource (i.e., wetland vs. non-wetland waters) | Geographic authority to which the aquatic resource "may be" subject (i.e., Section 404 or Section 10/404) |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
| 1           | 30.536470                  | -90.427840                  | ±33.65 acres   | Wetlands  | Section 404   |
| 2           | 30.535007                  | -90.426184                  | ±700 linear feet   | Non-Wetland Waters  | Section 404   |
| 3           | 30.541182                  | -90.423888                  | ±171.5 linear feet   | Non-Wetland Waters  | Section 404   |
|             |                            |                             |  |   |   |
|             |                            |                             |  |   |   |
|             |                            |                             |  |   |   |

**SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for PJD (check all that apply)**

Checked items should be included in subject file. Appropriately reference sources below where indicated for all checked items:

- ☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the PJD requestor:  
Map: Wetland Delineation for Joe Demarco, Inc. Figures 1-9.
- ☒ Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the PJD requestor.  
☒ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.  
☐ Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Corps navigable waters' study: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: 08070204.  
☐ USGS NHD data.  
☒ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24K Hammond.
- ☒ Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: LA105 Tangipahoa.
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS: R5UBH, R4SBC.
- ☐ State/local wetland inventory map(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: \_\_\_\_\_. (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): CIR '98, '04, '05, '08, '12; NAIP '10, '13, '15, '17, '19.  
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): LiDAR, Google Earth Pro, Bing Maps, DigitalGlobe.
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other information (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The information recorded on this form has not necessarily been verified by the Corps and should not be relied upon for later jurisdictional determinations.**

M. Jeffrey  
Linville

Digitally signed by M. Jeffrey  
Linville  
Date: 2022.03.09 07:08:07  
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Signature and date of  
Regulatory staff member  
completing PJD

via Request form Nov 10, 2021

Signature and date of  
person requesting PJD  
(REQUIRED, unless obtaining  
the signature is impracticable)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Districts may establish timeframes for requestor to return signed PJD forms. If the requestor does not respond within the established time frame, the district may presume concurrence and no additional follow up is necessary prior to finalizing an action.

- 1) The Corps of Engineers believes that there may be jurisdictional aquatic resources in the review area, and the requestor of this PJD is hereby advised of his or her option to request and obtain an approved JD (AJD) for that review area based on an informed decision after having discussed the various types of JDs and their characteristics and circumstances when they may be appropriate.
- 2) In any circumstance where a permit applicant obtains an individual permit, or a Nationwide General Permit (NWP) or other general permit verification requiring "pre-construction notification" (PCN), or requests verification for a non-reporting NWP or other general permit, and the permit applicant has not requested an AJD for the activity, the permit applicant is hereby made aware that: (1) the permit applicant has elected to seek a permit authorization based on a PJD, which does not make an official determination of jurisdictional aquatic resources; (2) the applicant has the option to request an AJD before accepting the terms and conditions of the permit authorization, and that basing a permit authorization on an AJD could possibly result in less compensatory mitigation being required or different special conditions; (3) the applicant has the right to request an individual permit rather than accepting the terms and conditions of the NWP or other general permit authorization; (4) the applicant can accept a permit authorization and thereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of that permit, including whatever mitigation requirements the Corps has determined to be necessary; (5) undertaking any activity in reliance upon the subject permit authorization without requesting an AJD constitutes the applicant's acceptance of the use of the PJD; (6) accepting a permit authorization (e.g., signing a proffered individual permit) or undertaking any activity in reliance on any form of Corps permit authorization based on a PJD constitutes agreement that all aquatic resources in the review area affected in any way by that activity will be treated as jurisdictional, and waives any challenge to such jurisdiction in any administrative or judicial compliance or enforcement action, or in any administrative appeal or in any Federal court; and (7) whether the applicant elects to use either an AJD or a PJD, the JD will be processed as soon as practicable. Further, an AJD, a proffered individual permit (and all terms and conditions contained therein), or individual permit denial can be administratively appealed pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 331. If, during an administrative appeal, it becomes appropriate to make an official determination whether geographic jurisdiction exists over aquatic resources in the review area, or to provide an official delineation of jurisdictional aquatic resources in the review area, the Corps will provide an AJD to accomplish that result, as soon as is practicable. This PJD finds that there "*may be*" waters of the U.S. and/or that there "*may be*" navigable waters of the U.S. on the subject review area, and identifies all aquatic features in the review area that could be affected by the proposed activity, based on the following information:

## NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

|                                     |  |                                |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant: Mr. Michael Henry        |  | File Number: MVN-2021-01273-SL | Date: Mar 29, 2022 |
| Attached is:                        |  |                                | See Section below  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission) | A                              |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)         | B                              |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | PERMIT DENIAL  | C                              |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION                              | D                              |                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION                           | E                              |                    |

**SECTION I -** The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/appeals.aspx> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

**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. 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.

**SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT**

**REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS:** (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons 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:

Brad Guarisco  
Chief, Jurisdiction and Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
7400 Leake Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
504-862-2274

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact:

Administrative Appeals Review Officer  
Mississippi Valley Division  
P.O. Box 80 (1400 Walnut Street)  
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080  
601-634-5820 FAX: 601-634-5816

**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: