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.	RE	PORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): December 16, 2021
B.	DIS	TRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: CESWL-RD, UAMS Medical Facility, SWL 2010-01052-2
C.	Stat Cen Nan Nan	DJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: e: Arkansas
		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.
D.	RE	VIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):
	\checkmark	Office (Desk) Determination. Date: December 16, 2021
	\checkmark	Field Determination. Date(s): December 9, 2021
SEC	CTIO	N II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
The	re are	A SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. e no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review quired] 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:
		A SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]
		Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively Permanent Waters ² (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 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: 1,613 linear feet: ~5 width (ft) and/or 0.18 acres. Wetlands: 0.15 acres.
		c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Established by OHWM & 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.

Explain:

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.
² 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).

³ 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:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

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 waterbody⁴ 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

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General Area Conditions: Watershed size: 170 square miles Drainage area: 1,531 acres
Average annual rainfall: 59 inches Average annual snowfall: 0.8 inches
Physical Characteristics: (a) Relationship with TNW: ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW. ☐ Tributary flows through 3 tributaries before entering TNW.
Project waters are 20-25 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW. Project waters are 1-2 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A
Identify flow route to TNW ⁵ : Tributary flows S/SE through Grassy Creek into Rock Creek into Fourche Creek and eventually into the Arkansas River. Tributary stream order, if known:
(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: □ Natural Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: Stream has some small sections that have been impacted/changed in the past.

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

⁵ 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.

		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 5 feet Average depth: 4 feet Average side slopes: 3:1
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): ☑ Silts ☐ Sands ☐ Concrete ☑ Cobbles ☑ Gravel ☐ Muck ☑ Bedrock ☐ Vegetation. Type/% cover: ☐ Other. Explain:
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Tributary is relatively stable with some minor erosion in places. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: There is one main pool area with a couple run and riffle complexes. Tributary geometry: Meandering Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): 3-5%
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Intermittent but not Seasonal Flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 11-20 Describe flow regime: Relatively frequent, moderate magnitude, long duration, and predictable flood events with a slow rate of change. Other information on duration and volume: Surface flow is: Discrete and Confined Characteristics: Area around the top of the banks do not indicate frequent flooding except for the lower areas around the abutting wetland. Subsurface flow: Unknown Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving the presence of wrack line vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting leaf litter disturbed or washed away scour sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events water staining abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. ⁷ Explain:
		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by:
(iii)	Cha	mical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Watercolor was relatively clear and flowing. tify specific pollutants, if known: Unknown

⁶A 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.

Chan	nel supports (check all that apply):	
5	Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Hardwood Bottom with an average of 90-foot-width Wetland fringe. Characteristics: A small (0.15 acre) wetland area is located just upstream from a culverted road crossing. Sparse hydrophytic vegetation was found within the wetland complex.	
[✓ Habitat for:	
	Federally Listed species. Explain findings:	
	Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:	
	Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:	
	Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Micro and Macro Invertebrates along with small fish species where present in the stream.	
Chara	acteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW	
	Physical Characteristics:	
(a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties:	
	Wetland size: 0.15 acres	
	Wetland type. Explain: Bottom Land Hardwoods	
	Wetland quality. Explain: Fairly stable and supports flood abatement and water quality through filtering. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A	
(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:	
(Flow is: Intermittent Flow Explain: Wetland is located in the middle of an intermittent stream (directly abuts)	
	Surface flow is: Confined Characteristics: Area is shallow and most likely has overbank flooding during high flow events.	
	Subsurface flow: Unknown Explain findings:	
	☐ Dye (or other) test performed:	
(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:	
	Directly abutting	
	Not directly abutting	
	Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:	
	☐ Ecological connection. Explain:☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:	
(d) <u>Proximity (Relationship) to TNW</u> Project wetlands are 20-25 river miles from TNW.	
	Project waters are 1-2 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.	
	Flow is from: Wetland to Navigable Waters	
	Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 100 - 500-year floodplain.	
	Chemical Characteristics: Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics;	
	etc.). Explain: Oily Film on surface with stained water.	
I	dentify specific pollutants, if known: Unknown	
(iii) H	Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):	
E	Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Bottom Land Hardwoods, 90-foot average width.	
<u> </u>	✓ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: Approximately 20% coverage of tree and shrub stratum.	
<u> </u>	☑ Habitat for:	
	Federally Listed species. Explain findings:	
	Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:	
	Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:	
	Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Macro and Micro Invertebrates	
Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)		
A	All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 1	
	Approximately (0.15) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.	
F	For each wetland, specify the following:	
	Directly abuts? (Y/N) Size (in acres) Yes 0.15	
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Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: The wetland supports flood abatement and water quality through chemical and physical filtering of the water flowing through the wetland. The wetland also supports a diversity of macro and micro invertebrates along with other wildlife.

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:
- 2. 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:
- 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:

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: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: 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: ☐ 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: NHD data, previous jurisdictional determination and site visits conducted	
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): ☐ Tributary waters: 998 linear feet ~5 width (ft). ☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters:	
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ 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.	
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): ☑ Tributary waters: 615 linear feet 2 width (ft). ☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters:	

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⁸See Footnote # 3.

	4.		Is directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.
		wei	tlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that
		Ц	tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
			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: Wetland is located in the middle of a RPW with a direct connection, thus it is abutting.
		Prov	vide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.15 acres.
	5.	☐ Wet	Is adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. tlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and a similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion rovided at Section III.C.
		Provide a	acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	6.	☐ Wet	Is adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. tlands adjacent to such waters and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with ilarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is wided at Section III.C.
		Provide 6	estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	7.	Impound	dments of jurisdictional waters. ⁹
		_	eral rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.
			nonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or
		_	nonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
		☐ Den	nonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
E.	OR	DESTRU L THAT A	[INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION ICTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK APPLY): ¹⁰
			e or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
	_		ich fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
			e or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
			e isolated waters. Explain:
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	Ide	itify wate	r body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Prov	Tributary Other no	ates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): v waters: linear feet width (ft). n-wetland waters: acres.
	_		ify type(s) of waters:
	Ш	Wetlands	s: acres.
F.	NO	N-JURIS	DICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):
		Delineati Review a	ial wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland ion Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. or to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the igratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
		Waters d	o not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: explain, if not covered above):

⁹ To complete the analysis, refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
¹⁰ 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.

	(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 each all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).
	_	Lakes/ponds: acres.
	Ш	Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:
		Wetlands: acres.
		vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a ling is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:
	Ш	Wetlands: acres.
SEC	CTIC	ON IV: DATA SOURCES.
A.		PPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and uested, appropriately reference sources below):
	V	Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Delineation report submitted by agent dated 08/29/2021.
		Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
		Office partially concurs with data sheets/delineation report. Report incorrectly identifies two waters as ephemeral.
		Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
		Data sheets prepared by the Corps:
		Corps navigable waters' study:
	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: 11110207, Lower Arkansas-Maumelle
		USGS NHD data.
		✓ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 24K, Pinnacle Mountain
		USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: NRCS Pulaski County Soil Survey
		National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
		State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
	⊻	FEMA/FIRM maps: City of Little Rock, 050181
		100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
	$\overline{\square}$	Photographs: Acrial (Name & Date): ArcMap & Google Earth accessed on 12/16/2021
		or ☑ Other (Name & Date): Site photographs taken on site visit (12/09/2021)
	$\overline{\square}$	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: SWL 2010-01052, May 2, 2011
	Ц	Applicable/supporting case law:
		Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
		Other information (please specify):
B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Although the project area had not received any substantial rain events in the weeks prior to the site visit, the streams had flow and signs of continuous flow during the site visit. The wetland area is directly attached to the intermittent stream. This area appears to be the headwaters of the stream system, and further down the system, below the review area, the flow seems to pick up in velocity and size. The ephemeral stream had pockets of standing water and appears to directly contribute water flow to the intermittent stream during and after rainfall events. All streams identified had defined bed and bank features with an OHWM indication.		
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		ironmental Protection Specialist