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): April 20, 2022

Authority, See review area locations at end of form in Section IV.B DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Galveston District, SWG-2009-00991, Port of Corpus Christi

PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

County/Parish: Nueces City: Corpus Christi

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format, NAD-83): Lat. 27.82479°N, Long. 97.48111°W;

 ${\tt Universal\,Transverse\,Mercator:\,UTM:\,14,\,\,3078719.59\,\,N,\,\,649592.26\,E.,NAD:\,83311.00}$

Name of nearest water body: Corpus Christi Inner Harbor

watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 12110202; South Corpus Christi Bay and 12110201 North Corpus Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Name of Christi Bay

- 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

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): Office (Desk) Determination. Date: October 18, 2021

- Field Determination. Date(s): February 1, 2022

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS A. RHASECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

There Are "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review

- Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide
- subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, and bound by the Mean High Water Line (+1.01 ft Explain: The Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor (CCIH) is a Traditionally Navigable Water (TNW), Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce NAVD88) and is used for the interstate and international transport of goods and services

CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There Are "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.

Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands Impoundments of jurisdictional waters Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to TNWs TNWs, including territorial seas

Þ Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

linear feet: width (ft) and/or 39.81 acres

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

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual. Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands we

features are generally not considered jurisdictional, in accordance with the 1986 Preamble of 33 CFR 328. construction activity and the operation of this site as a DMPA has not been abandoned, these aquatic most recently used for this purpose in 2017. Since these wetlands were created in dry land incidental to to construction activities. The site has been used on a reoccurring basis as a DMPA since the 1920s and was Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: The water features NJ1 thru NJ17 meet the requirements of a wetland utilizing the 1987 Corps wetland delineation manual and the 2010 Regional Suppliment to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation manual: Atlantic Gulf Coastal Plain Region. However, these wetlands were created incidental

The drainage ditch (D1) is non-tidal and was excavated from uplands and only drains uplands and dos not reroute or extend the lateral limits of our jurisdiction (OHWM). Therefore, this type of aquatic feature is generally not considered jurisdictional under the 1986 Preamble of 33 CFR 328.

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: CCIH

Summarize rationale supporting determination: The CCIH is a Traditionally Navigable Water (TNW), subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, and bound by the Mean High Water Line (+1.01 ft NAVD88) and is used for the interstate and international transport of goods and services

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

they are adjacent to (abutting) a TNW (CCIH) subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. HM7) and Estuarine Low Marsh Wetlands (LM1 - LM10) are subject to USACE jurisdiction because Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": All Estuarine High Marsh Wetlands (HM1 -

ᄧ 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.

out Section III.D.2 and Section III.D.4. (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, fill months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent

though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law. relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and

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. consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for water body has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must If the water body⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions: Watershed size: Pick List Drainage area: Pick List

Average annual snowfall: inches

Average annual snowfall:

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
☐ Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from RPW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW

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

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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.

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 water body'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.

⁷Ibid.

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

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Directly abuts? (Y/N)

Directly abuts? (Y/N)

Size (in acres)

Size (in acres)

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus. tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or wetlands. of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. ofa TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a

discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example: Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and

- 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), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to
- 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), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and
- support downstream foodwebs? Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or of the TNW?

below: Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented

- 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 adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its
- ω 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:

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 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 	2. Rews that now directly or indirectly into 11 ws.
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	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft) Other non-wetland waters: acres Identify type(s) of waters:
္	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Water body 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: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres Identify type(s) of waters:
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands 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 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:
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres
Su	Wetlands 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.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres
6.	Wetlands 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.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. As a 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).
	ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):¹⁰ which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
Ide	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

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⁸See Footnote #3.

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

To 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.

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- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
 - Applicable/supporting case law:
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Other information (please specify):
- 51, No. 219 of waters generally not considered jurisdictional. and fall under the preamble of Section 328.3 Definitions in the 16 November 1986 Federal Register Vol. B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The water features (NJ1 thru NJ17, and D1) were excavated from uplands and are not subject to ebb and flow of the tide. Therefore, they are typically not regulated

OW1 is located within the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor Channel and is a TNW, subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, and bound by the MHW (+1.01 ft NAVD88). All Esturaine High Marsh Wetlands because they are adjacent to (abutting) a TNW. (HM1 - HM7), and Estuarine Low Marsh Wetlands (LM1 - LM10) are subject to USACE jurisdiction

NJ9 NJ8	NJ7	NJ6	NJ5	NJ4	NJ3	NJ2	NJ17	NJ16	NJ15	NJ14	NJ13	NJ12	NJ11	NJ10	NJ1	LM9	LM8	LM7	LM6	LM5	LM4	LM3	LM2	LM11	LM10	HM7	HM6	HM5	HM4	HM3	HM2	HM1	D1	Site
27.8258 27.8264	27.8268	27.8279	27.8277	27.8274	27.8271	27.8277	27.8296	27.8228	27.824	27.8228	27.8216	27.8238	27.8243	27.8252	27.8291	27.825	27.8255	27.8254	27.8255	27.826	27.8267	27.8268	27.8269	27.827	27.8275	27.828	27.8287	27.8288	27.8292	27.8296	27.8252	27.8271	27.8253	Latitude
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