

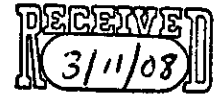


DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US Army Engineer District - New York, CENAN-OP-R
Upstate Regulatory Field Office
1 Buffington Street, Building 10, 3rd Floor
Watervliet, New York 12189-4000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Branch

04 MAR 2008



TES# 3164

SUBJECT: Permit Application Number NAN-2005-676-WSH
by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Donald L. Coogan, Jr.
Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.
23 County Route 6, Suite A
Phoenix, New York 13135

Dear Mr. Coogan:

On July 12, 2005, the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received a request for a Department of Army jurisdictional determination for a 59.80 acre site. The original request was submitted by Northern Ecological Associates, Inc., representing Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. However, the most recent submittals have been provided by Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc., also representing Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. The site is located in the Mohawk River watershed, off NYS Route 30A and County Route 128, in the Town of Johnstown, Fulton County, New York.

In a submittal received on December 7, 2006, your office submitted a proposed delineation of the extent of waters of the United States within the project boundary. Site inspections were conducted by representatives of this office on August 3, 2005, November 16, 2005, and May 14, 2007, in which it was agreed that changes would be made to the delineation and that the modified delineation would be submitted to this office. On March 3, 2008, this office received the modified delineation.

Based on the material submitted and the observations of the representatives of this office during the site visit, this site has been determined to contain jurisdictional waters of the United States based on: the presence of wetlands determined by the occurrence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology according to criteria established in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual," Technical Report Y-87-1 that are part of a tributary system; the presence of a defined water body (e.g. stream channel, lake, pond, river, etc.) which is part of a tributary system; and the fact that the location includes property below the ordinary high water mark of a water body as determined by the presence of physical markings including, but not limited to, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter or debris or other characteristics of the surrounding area.

These jurisdictional waters of the United States are shown on the drawing entitled, "Wetland Survey Map for the Gloversville Wal-Mart Site", prepared by Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc., dated December 4, 2006, and last revised March 3, 2008. This drawing indicates that there are a total of 14.25 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands and 2,020 linear feet of stream channel, on the project site which are part of a tributary system to the Mohawk River.

This determination regarding the delineation shall be considered valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination for your subject site. If you object to this determination, you must request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed is a combined Notification of Appeal Process (NAO) and Request For Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the North Atlantic Division Office at the following address:

James W. Haggerty, Regulatory Appeals Review Officer
North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Engineer Division
Fort Hamilton Military Community
General Lee Avenue, Building 301
Brooklyn, New York 11252-6700

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, and that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by MAY 02 2008. It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

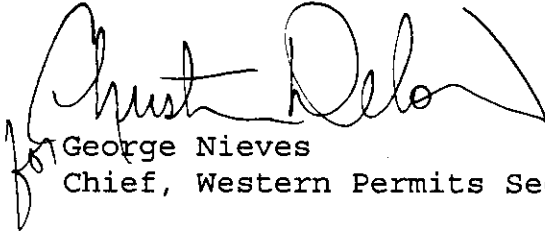
This determination has been conducted to identify the limits of the Corps Clean Water Act jurisdiction for the particular site identified in this request. This determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service prior to starting work.

It is strongly recommended that the development of the site be carried out in such a manner as to avoid as much as possible the

discharge of dredged or fill material into the delineated waters of the United States. If the activities proposed for the site involve such discharges, authorization from this office may be necessary prior to the initiation of the proposed work. The extent of such discharge of fill will determine the level of authorization that would be required.

If any questions should arise concerning this matter, please contact Brad Sherwood, of my staff, at (518) 266-6355.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Nieves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

George Nieves
Chief, Western Permits Section

Enclosures

cc: NYSDEC, Region 5, Warrensburg
Town of Johnstown
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Revised 8/13/04

DISTRICT OFFICE: NEW YORK DISTRICT (CENAN)
FILE NUMBER: NAN-2005-676-WSH

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

State: New York
County: Fulton
Center coordinates of site (latitude/longitude): lat: 43.03142 lon: -74.34424
Approximate size of area (parcel) reviewed, including uplands: 59.80 acres.
Name of nearest waterway: Unnamed Tributary
Name of watershed: Mohawk River

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

Completed: Desktop determination Date:
Site visits Dates: 8-3-05, 11-16-05, and 5-14-07

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: 14.25 acres.

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: The waters within the wetlands and stream channel flow into an unnamed tributary, which flows into the Cayadutta Creek, and then into the Mohawk River, which is considered a navigable waterway.*

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

Ordinary High Water Mark indicated by:

clear, natural line impressed on the bank

High Tide Line indicated by:

oil or scum line along shore objects

- the presence of litter and debris
- changes in the character of soil
- destruction of terrestrial vegetation
- shelving
- other:
- fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
- physical markings/characteristics
- tidal gages
- 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: Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.

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 December 2006, prepared by: Terrestrial Environmental Specialists, Inc.
 - 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: Gloversville Quad
 - U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Historic quadrangles:
 - U.S. Geological Survey 15 Minute Historic quadrangles:
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey: Fulton County
 - National wetlands inventory maps: Gloversville Quad
 - State/Local wetland inventory maps: Gloversville Quad
 - FEMA/FIRM maps (Map Name & Date):
 - 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: _____ (NGVD)
 - Aerial Photographs (Name & Date):
 - Other photographs (Date):
 - Advanced Identification Wetland maps:
- Site visit/determination conducted on: 8-3-05, 11-16-05, and 5-14-07
- Applicable/supporting case law:
- Other information (please specify):

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.

NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	File Number: NAN-2005-676-WSH	Date: 04 MAR 2008
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
<input 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://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg> 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 New York 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 (JD) 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 New York District Engineer. Your objections must be received by the New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 North Atlantic Division Engineer, ATTN: CENAD-PD-PSD-O, Fort Hamilton Military Community, Building 301, General Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700. 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 North Atlantic Division Engineer, ATTN: CENAD-PD-PSD-O, Fort Hamilton Military Community, Building 301, General Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700. 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 North Atlantic Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice with a copy furnished to the New York District Engineer.

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:

Richard L. Tomer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District
Jacob K. Javits Federal Building
New York, NY 10278-0090
(917) 790-8510

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

James W. Haggerty, Regulatory Appeals Review Officer
North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Engineer Division
Fort Hamilton Military Community
General Lee Avenue, Building 301
Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700
(718) 765-7150
E-mail: James.W.Haggerty@nad02.usace.army.mil

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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