



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
ALASKA DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
REGULATORY DIVISION  
1046 MARKS ROAD  
FORT WAINWRIGHT, AK 99703

November 14, 2023

Regulatory Division  
POA-2023-00231



Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your April 21, 2023, application on behalf of [REDACTED] for a Department of the Army (DA) permit to discharge 15,000 cubic yards of fill into 19-acres of ponded wetlands in order to minimize potential bird strike hazards on the airfield of Fairbanks International Airport. It has been assigned file number POA-2023-00231, Tanana River, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office. The project site is located at Latitude 64.802504, Longitude -147.880065 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Based on our review of information available to our office and the information you provided, we have determined that the 15-acre ponded wetland and 4-acre ponded wetland proposed to be filled are not a water of the U.S., under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulatory jurisdiction. The wetlands on your property are isolated, intrastate, non-navigable, and have no connection to interstate or foreign commerce. Therefore, a DA permit is not required for the proposed work.

A copy of the Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) form is available at: [www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JurisdictionalDeterminations/JurisdictionalDeterminationArchive](http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JurisdictionalDeterminations/JurisdictionalDeterminationArchive) under your file number.

This AJD does not establish any precedent with respect to any other JD under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The wetlands on your parcel were reviewed pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act which requires that a DA permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344).

For regulatory purposes, the Corps defines wetlands as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient

to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

This AJD is valid for a period of five (5) years from the date listed on the AJD form, unless new information supporting a revision is provided to us before the expiration date. Also enclosed is a Notification of Administrative Appeals Options and Process and Request for Appeal form regarding this AJD (see section labeled "Approved Jurisdictional Determination").

Nothing in this letter excuses you from compliance with other federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

Please contact me via email at [Rebecca.S.Manbeck2@usace.army.mil](mailto:Rebecca.S.Manbeck2@usace.army.mil), by mail at the address above or by phone at (907) 251-6716 if you have questions. For more information about the Regulatory Program, please visit our website at [www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory](http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Manbeck".

Rebecca Manbeck  
Regulatory Specialist

Enclosures

**Legend**

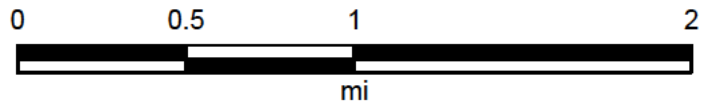
- Review Area Wetlands
- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine



Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community, Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, METI/NASA, EPA, USDA



**POA-2023-00231, Tanana River  
Fairbanks International Airport (FAI)**



Map Center: 147.860514°W 64.802596°N

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Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere  
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