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What is a Jurisdictional Delineation?

Jurisdictional Delineations are performed on a property in order to delineate which waters are Waters of the U.S. and are therefore subject to CWA 404. Most often, a preliminary jurisdictional delineation is submitted to the Army Corps by the permit applicant, which the Corps then verifies. The applicant can decide whether they would like a final approved delineation or would like to proceed with an application with only a verified preliminary delineation, which makes for a shorter process.

How do I delineate a wetland?

Wetland delineations are conducted in accordance with the [1987 USACE Wetland Delineation Manual](#). ^{EXIT} There are [ten regional supplements](#) ^{EXIT} issued by the USACE which are specific to different regions of the United States. Wetlands must have three specific criteria in order to be classified as a wetland: hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and hydrology. During a wetland delineation, a project area is surveyed to determine whether wetlands with the three criteria are present.

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