

OUTLINE OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ASSURED DELINEATOR JD CERTIFICATE

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE

Making a determination of whether a wetland meets the federal criteria under 33 CFR § 328.3 for a water of the United States, like wetland delineation is an applied science that requires education, training, and experience. The following education and training criteria must be met for acceptance into the Wetland Assurance Program – JD Certificate:

- A. Certification as an Assured Delineator for at least 2 years.
- B Training

Completion of a 40-hour wetland JD determination training course that is based on the COE [Add reference to Corps material] and related guidance, or an equivalent course offered by a government agency or a reputable private firm that is approved by the DNR.

WORK PRODUCT

To obtain a JD Certificate assured, delineators must demonstrate proficiency in applying 33 CFR § 328.3 for a water of the United States, and appropriate COE related guidance. JDs reports submitted for review must meet the following conditions:

- The individual who is applying must be shown as the primary individual who conducted the fieldwork and authored the report.
- The JDs must have been completed within the 24 months preceding the application.
- The sample JD delineation reports must include reports from at least six sites where the JD determination is based on a finding of a “non-jurisdictional” water. Sample reports must include at least six of the twelve “non-jurisdictional” water types.
- The sample JD reports should reflect “non-jurisdictional” water types are commonly found within the geographic range(s) where the delineator works.

Wetland JD Determination reports will be evaluated for the following:

- Consistent and proper application of 33 CFR § 328.3 and related guidance documents.
- Inclusion of enough technical information to completely and accurately reflect field conditions, and methodology used to make the JD in accordance with 33 CFR § 328.3 and related guidance documents.

Significant mistakes or omissions, including missing wetlands on a particular site, will result in a decision not to assure wetland JD determination work.