



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Wilmington District

## **Vinfast EV Manufacture Facility Moncure Megasite, Chatham County, NC (Regulatory)**

- **Project proposal to construct an electric vehicle automotive manufacturing facility at the Moncure Megasite, in Moncure, Chatham County, North Carolina.**
- **Current concerns are related to the overall project (phasing) and the Corps determination of single and complete project, total aquatic impacts, and secondary/cumulative effects.**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 4

DATE: 08 APRIL 2022

1. **PURPOSE:**

To provide information regarding the proposed construction by Vinfast of a 2,000-acre EV manufacturing facility, including associated utility and transportation improvements, in Chatham County, North Carolina.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

- a. Jurisdictional determinations have been issued for various portions of the site beginning in October of 2014 but have since expired. (SAW-2010-00610)
- b. An individual permit for the Brickhaven coal ash disposal site located within the southwestern corner of the site was issued September of 2014. (SAW-2014-02254)

3. **CURRENT STATUS:**

- a. To date no Permit application has been received by the Corps. On April 8, 2022, a pre-application meeting was held with stake holders including NCDWR, NCDOT, the applicant, and the applicant's consultants.
- b. Corps concerns as stated to the applicant during the meeting are as follows:
  1. Corps consideration of what constitutes a single and complete project, to include all utilities and infrastructure. Adequate information for the Corps to make this determination was not provided during this meeting.

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2. No wetland/stream delineation has been provided for the proposed first phase of the project (PbP Factory/435 acres as shown on the attached map). Until that has been provided, the Corps is unable to comment on the location and extent of potentially jurisdictional features on site.
3. The plans provided by the applicant did not include grading limits, all new proposed infrastructure, and utility upgrades, or a proposed stormwater plan. Therefore, the Corps was unable to comment on the type of permit that may be required (NWP or IP) or the permitting timeline for the issuance or denial of a permit application.
4. Overall concern from the applicant at the time of the pre-application meeting is the commencement of earth work (within 60 days) outside of jurisdictional features in phase one. The Corps stated that no federal Clean Water Act 404 permit is required for the applicant to work outside of jurisdictional features, however, without a delineation that accurately depicts waters on site, it will be difficult to verify if the applicant is in fact working in uplands. The applicant also does not yet have an approved sedimentation and erosion control permit from the state, which they would need to begin clearing/earth work activities.
5. We anticipate another meeting the week of April 11, 2022, to discuss status.