

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES  
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

EAST BOREGO BT  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
SITE NO. J09CA015600

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Extremely limited information is available concerning this site. The Eleventh Naval District listed this target as one of "all bombing targets in Southern California Sector of the Western Sea Frontier" in August 1944, and designated its location as Latitude 33°04'00"N, Longitude 115°57'25"W. These coordinates place this target in Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 10 East, San Bernardino Meridian. No further information was available concerning acquisition of this site. It is assumed for purposes of this report that, as with several other target sites acquired in this area during the 1940s (see J09CA103800 and J09CA102800), the Navy secured temporary use of the entire section (677.17 acres).
2. The Navy used East Borego BT as a high altitude target for dive bombing, practice bombs and strafe. Available information describes it as a circle target.
3. No specific information was found concerning the disposal of this site. It is likely that, as with the other above-mentioned targets, Navy use was discontinued by 1946. An April 1945 list of Eleventh Naval District targets does not include East Borego BT. The target site is now owned by Catellus Development Corporation (formerly Southern Pacific Land Company) and Joseph Wachowski.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, this site has been determined to be formerly used by the Department of Defense. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites, established under 10 USC 2701, et seq.

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BRUCE K. SCOTT *col*  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

**SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET**  
**FOR**  
**DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA015600**  
**EAST BOREGO BT**  
**16 September 1993**

**SITE NAME:** EAST BOREGO BT.

**LOCATION:** The East Borego BT is located in Imperial County, California, approximately 4.1 miles southwest from Harpers Well. It is presumed to encompass all of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 10 East, San Bernardino Meridian.

**SITE HISTORY:** In 1944, the Eleventh Naval District listed this target in an inventory as a high altitude practice bombing target, and designated its coordinates as Latitude 33°04'00"N, Longitude 115°57'25"W. No further information was found concerning the acquisition or disposal of this target. It is assumed that, as with other targets acquired during this time in Imperial County, the Navy secured use of an entire one-square-mile section, and that use was probably discontinued by 1946 (see J09CA103800 and J09CA102800). Currently, the N 1/2 Section 5 is owned by Catellus Development Corporation and the S 1/2 Section 5 is owned by Joseph Wachowski. The site is presently undeveloped desert land. No evidence of ordnance or other former DOD activity was identified during the onsite survey.

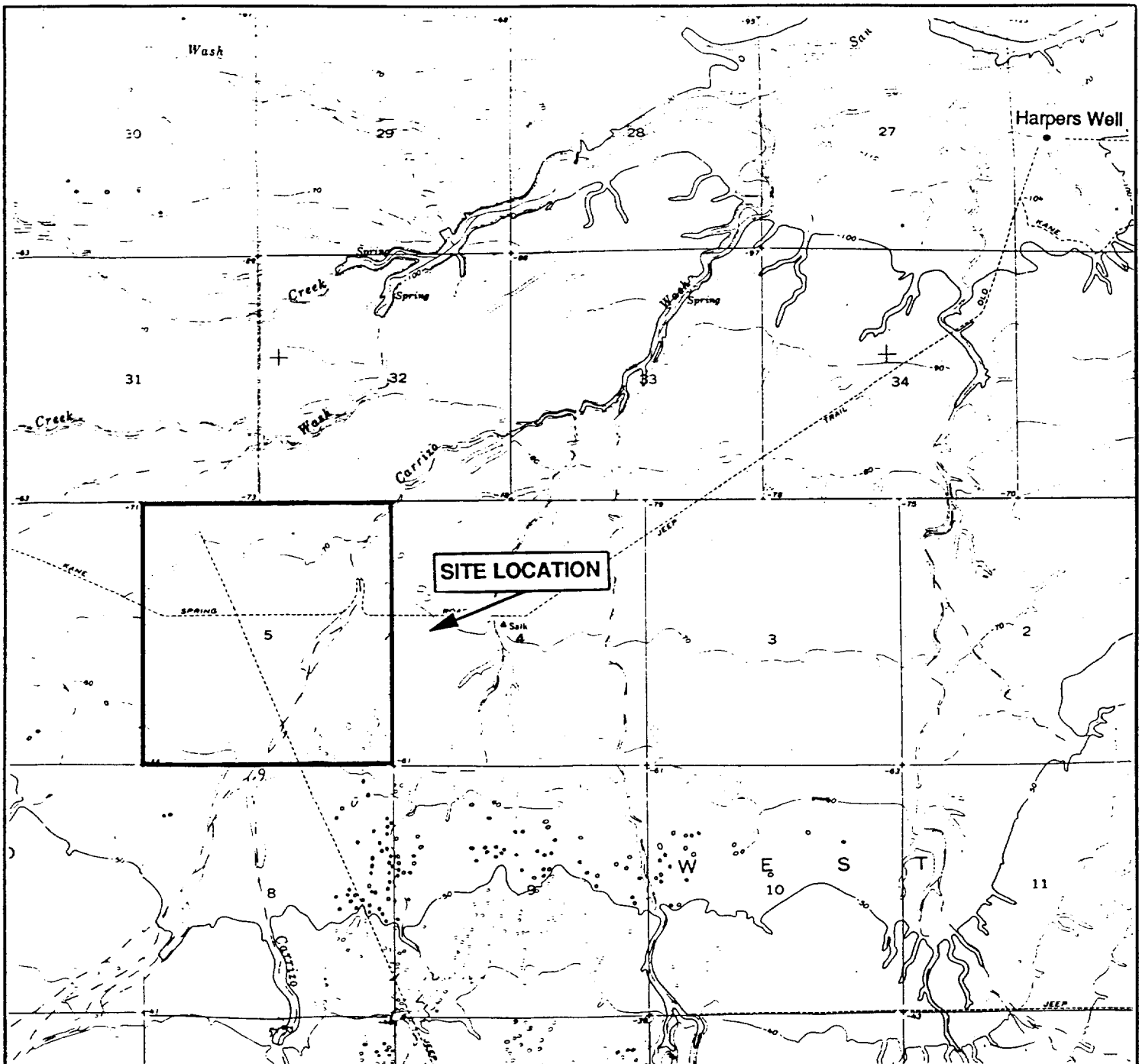
**SITE VISIT:** The site was visited on May 6, 1993, by Hunter Butler and Sandra Rehfeldt of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California.

**CATEGORY OF HAZARDS:** OEW

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Recommend the MCX for OEW at Huntsville Division make a determination regarding further investigation at this site.

**AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:** Historical information on 11th Naval District bomb targets was obtained from the National Archives office in Laguna Niguel, California. Land acquisition and ownership records were obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro, California, and the Imperial County Assessor's Office, El Centro California.

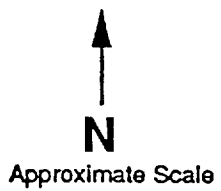
**DISTRICT POC:** Jatin Desai, Los Angeles District, (213) 894-6266



Latitude/ Longitude at Approximate Center of Site:  
 33° 03' 53"N / 115° 57' 53"W



Reference:  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Harpers Well, Calif., (1:24 000), 1956; Photorevised 1978.



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