

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

**EL CENTRO BOMBING TARGET SITE (OGILBY)
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA015300**

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Eleventh Naval District received informal approval to use Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 19 East from the Bureau of Reclamation in December 1944. The 643.58-acre section was used under permit from the Department of Interior dated 27 March 1945.
2. The Navy acquired this undeveloped desert land for use as a practice bomb target. The available information suggests that the Navy installed only a temporary target structure(s) at this site.
3. In March 1946, the 643.58-acre target site was declared surplus. Reportedly, no restoration was required. No further information was available concerning disposal. Currently, the target site is vacant, undeveloped desert land, and is owned by the Federal Government and administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

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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for DE P. Itko
BRUCE K. SCOTT
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA015300
EL CENTRO BOMBING TARGET SITE (OGILBY)
16 September 1993

SITE NAME: EL CENTRO BOMBING TARGET SITE (OGILBY), also known as Bomb Target #69.

LOCATION: The El Centro Bombing Target site is located in Imperial County, California, approximately 9.65 miles from Ogilby.

SITE HISTORY: The Navy used this site under a 1945 permit from the Department of Interior. The site was acquired for use as a practice bombing target. According to historical records, the El Centro Bomb Target was discontinued in approximately March 1946 and necessary steps were to be taken to return the property to its former status. Reportedly, no restoration was required. Currently, the site is administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and remains unimproved. The following ordnance was observed during the site survey: one bomb casing, multiple 50-caliber clips, two 20-millimeter shells, and a 2.75-inch rocket shell. The rocket shell was observed south of the southern border (offsite).

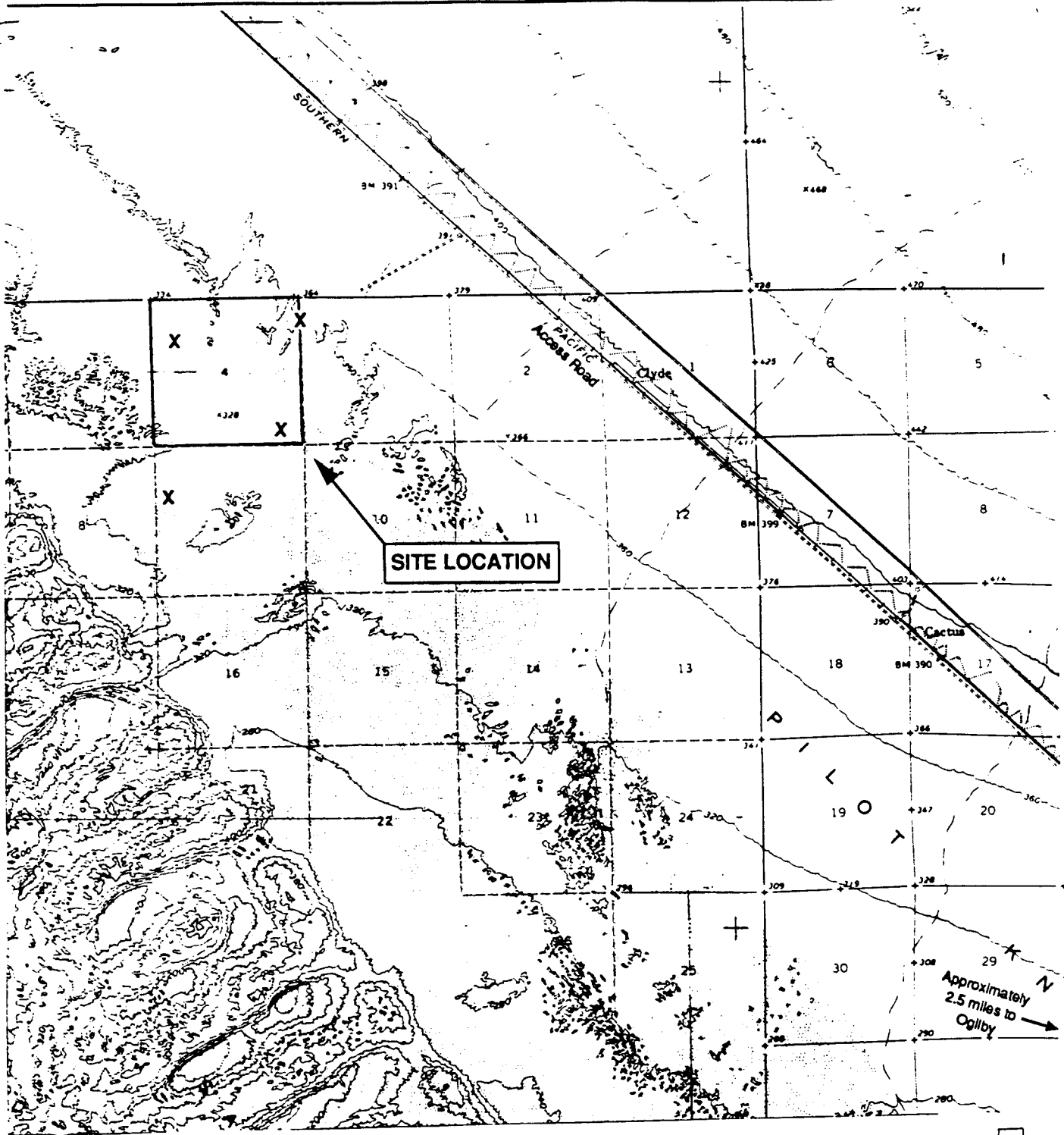
SITE VISIT: The site was visited on May 2, 1993, by Hunter Butler and Sandra Rehfeldt of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California.

CATEGORY OF HAZARDS: OEW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: OEW. Recommend MCX for OEW at Huntsville Division make a determination concerning further investigation.

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



x Ordnance sitings

Reference:

USGS 15 Minute Quadrangle, Ogilby, Calif. (1:62 500), 1963.

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



Approximate Scale

0 1.0 Mile

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SITE LOCATION
EL CENTRO BOMBING TARGET
SITE (Ogilby)
J09CA015300
32° 53' 17"N
114° 58' 25"W
Imperial County, CA

PROJECT NO. 01-0255-04-1869

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