

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

BOMBING TARGET IMPERIAL DUNES  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
SITE NO. J09CA014400

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Extremely limited information is available concerning this site. The available information indicates only that, in October 1944, the Eleventh Naval District was interested in acquiring this 640-acre site (Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 19 East) from the Department of Interior.
2. The Navy was interested in acquiring this site for use as a bombing target for Fleet training. A letter dated 19 October 1944 describes the land as "unimproved, undeveloped, rough desert lands which are not presently used or occupied." The available records do not indicate whether this property was actually used.
3. No specific information was found concerning disposal of this property. If acquired, it is possible that, as with other target sites acquired by the Eleventh Naval District in the mid-1940s, that use was discontinued in approximately 1946 (see J09CA103800). Currently, Section 24 is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The site has remained undeveloped desert land.

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  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

**SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET**  
**FOR**  
**DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA014400**  
**BOMBING TARGET IMPERIAL DUNES**  
16 September 1993

**SITE NAME:** BOMBING TARGET IMPERIAL DUNES.

**LOCATION:** The Bombing Target Imperial Dunes site is located in Imperial County, California, approximately 5 miles from Interstate 80 and one mile from the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. The site encompasses all of Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 19 East, San Bernardino Meridian.

**SITE HISTORY:** In October 1944, the Eleventh Naval District was interested in obtaining this site from the Department of Interior. The site was vacant desert land and was to be used as a bombing target. No further information was available concerning acquisition, use, or disposal of this site. During the site survey, one .50 caliber casing was observed near the north edge of the section. No other evidence of former bombing or strafing activity was found. Due to wind, the sand hills in Section 24 may have advanced or receded and possibly obscured any other evidence of ordnance. The site is currently under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

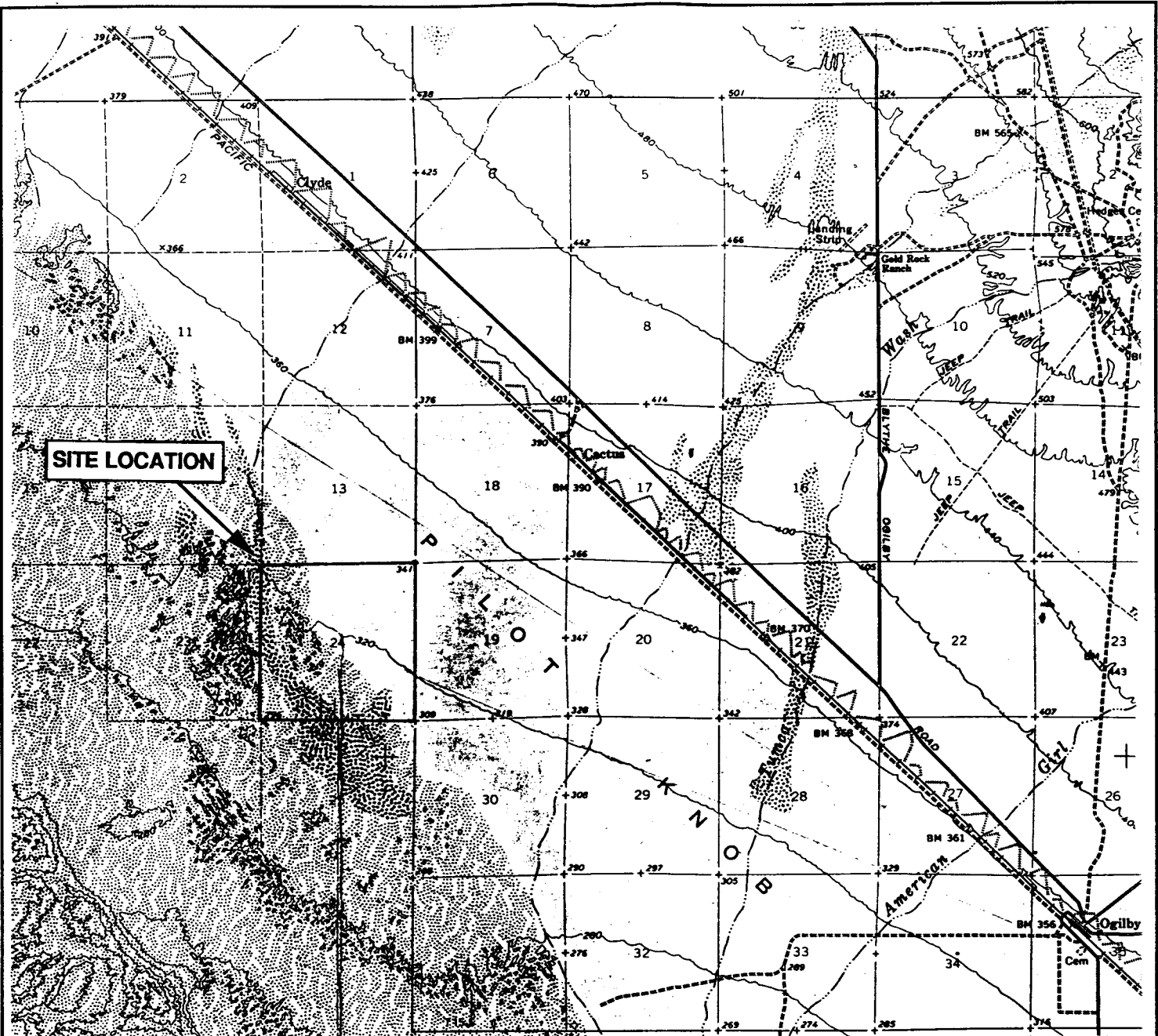
**SITE VISIT:** The site was visited on May 3, 1993, by Hunter Butler and Sandra Rehfeldt of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California.

**CATEGORY OF HAZARDS:** OEW

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

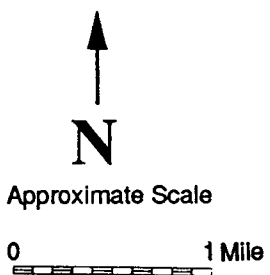
**AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:** Historical information on 11th Naval District bomb targets was obtained from the National Archives office in Laguna Niguel, California. Land acquisition and ownership records were obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro, California, and the Imperial County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


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



Latitude/Longitude at Approximate Center of Site:  
 32° 50' 42"N / 114° 55' 20"W

Reference:  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Clyde, Calif. (1: 62 500), Provisional edition 1988.



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