

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

ROSS FIELD
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA743500

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On 22 August 1921, the U.S. War Department purchased an unspecified number of acres from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for the Ross Field Balloon School. Subsequently, in 1921, several easements of unknown acreage were also acquired by the War Department for construction of sewer lines, for a total of 184.962 acres. These records were neither specific nor complete.
2. The Army utilized Ross Field, a former horse racing track, from 1915 until approximately 1933, for a balloon training school. In 1922, the property was also used as a military prison. Army improvements included officer housing, a gas plant, a mess hall, a paint shop, a hospital, a gasoline station, garages, a machine shop, an aero-school building, two balloon hangars, various supply and storage buildings, a septic system, and a photo lab.
3. On 24 March 1933, an act of Congress (Private, No. 6, 73D Congress, [S. 153]) conveyed the Ross Field Property from the Secretary of War to the County of Los Angeles; however, the formal quitclaim deed was not signed until 29 July 1935. The sewer-line easements were quitclaimed between 1947 and 1952 to the County of Los Angeles and to private parties. These records were neither specific nor complete. The site is currently occupied by Arcadia County Park and the Santa Anita Golf Course.

DETERMINATION

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

27 Sep 99
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Colonel (P), U.S. Army
Commanding

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA743500
ROSS FIELD
22 JULY 1999

SITE NAME: Ross Field, Arcadia, California. Also known as Ross Field Military Reservation, Arcadia Balloon Field, Army Balloon School, and Arcadia Balloon School.

LOCATION: The site, formerly known as Ross Field, is located at 495 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, California, approximately 0.6 miles south of State Highway 210. Santa Anita Golf Course and Arcadia County Park are the current occupants of the property.

SITE HISTORY: On 22 August 1921, the U.S. War Department purchased unspecified acreage from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for the Ross Field Balloon School. Several easements of unknown acreage were subsequently acquired in 1921 by the War Department for sewer lines, for a total of 184.962 acres. The Army utilized Ross Field, a former horse race track, as a balloon training school and as a military prison. The Army beneficially used a sewage disposal plant, existing stables, and associated structures. Army improvements consisted of officer housing, a mess hall, a gasoline station, a hospital, garages, a gas plant, an aero-school, a machine shop, a septic system, balloon hangars, various supply and storage buildings, and a photo lab.

On 24 March 1933, an act of Congress (Private, No. 5, 93D Congress, [S. 153]) conveyed the Ross Field property from the Secretary of War to the County of Los Angeles; however, the formal quitclaim deed was not signed until 29 July 1935. The sewer easements were quitclaimed between 1947 and 1957 to the County of Los Angeles and to private parties. These records were neither specific nor complete. The property is currently occupied by Arcadia County Park and the Santa Anita Golf Course. With the exception of a possible former officer's quarters, which is currently being utilized as a maintenance building by the Santa Anita Golf Course, no DOD improvements are known to exist on the property today.

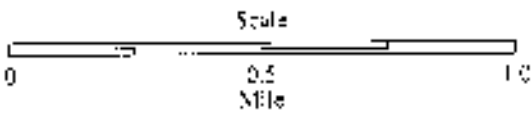
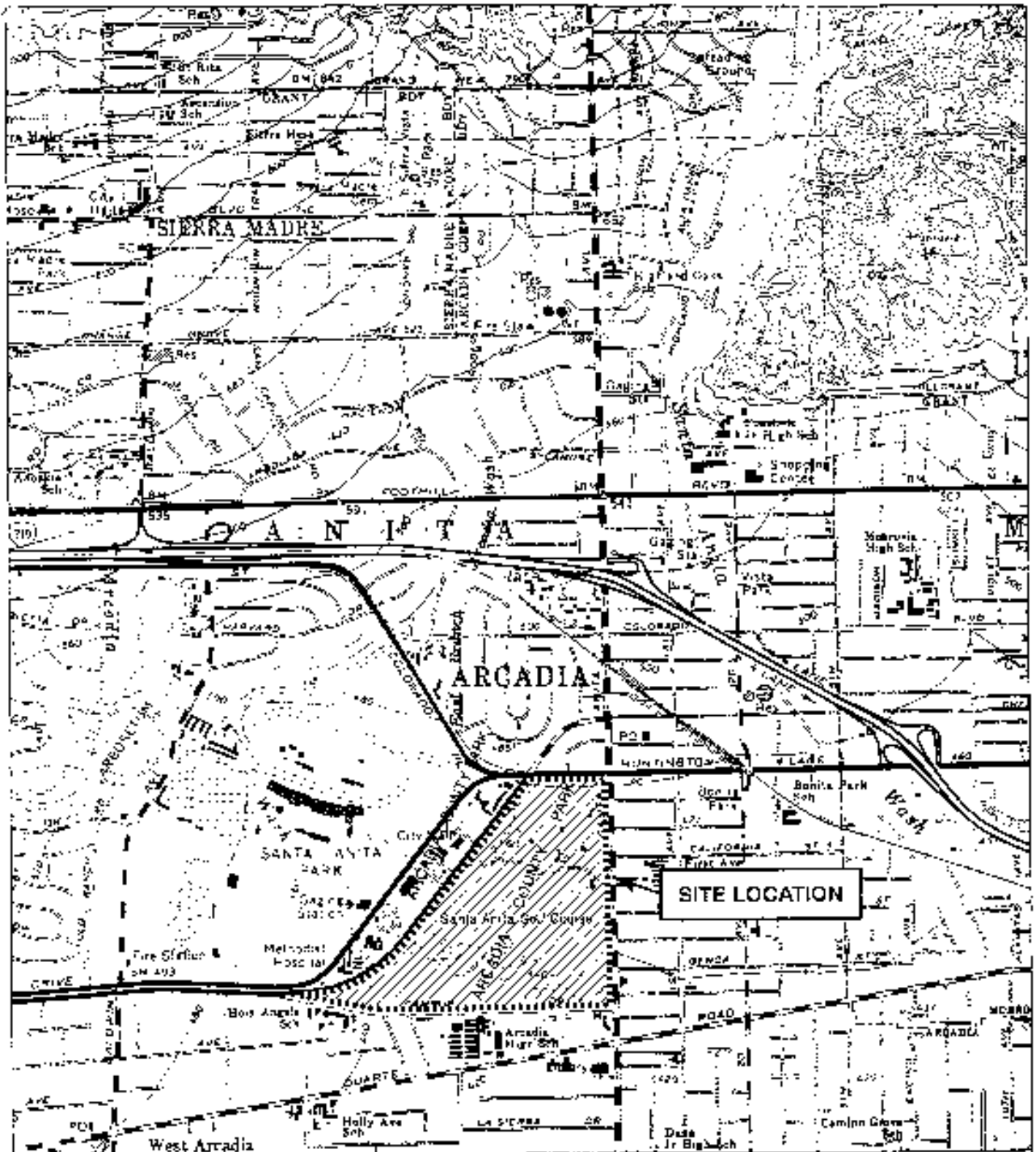
SITE VISIT: The site was visited on 3 May 1999 by Karin Anderson and Perry Russell of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), Santa Barbara, California. The primary contact for this investigation was Mr. Terry Molaz, manager of Santa Anita Golf Course.

CATEGORY HAZARD: None

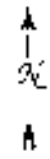
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: None

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: None

DISTRICT POC: Jeffery B. Armentrout, Los Angeles District,
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Reference
USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Mt. Wilson, Calif., 1956. Photorevised 1985



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SITE LOCATION	
ROSS FIELD	
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Arcadia, CA	
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