

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

SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (9) (#50)
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA018000

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Extremely limited information is available concerning this site. The available information indicates only that the Eleventh Naval District possessed a water target, identified as Bomb Target #50 or Salton Sea #9, in April of 1945. This target was not listed on an August 1944 inventory of the Eleventh Naval District's target sites. No further information was available concerning the acquisition of this site; nor was any information available concerning the specific location of this site. Based on the information available for several other Salton Sea bomb targets, it is likely that the Navy acquired temporary use of approximately 640 acres (a full section) in the early to mid-1940s (see J09CA102800).
2. Historical records suggest that Salton Sea Bomb Target #50 was a floating, practice bomb target.
3. Historical records (an Eleventh Naval District document routing slip) suggest that Target #50 was discontinued, or was being considered for discontinuance, in October 1945. No further information is available concerning the disposal of this site. Further, as the location of this site is not known, current ownership could not be determined. Currently, other former Navy target sites in this area are primarily administered by the Department of Interior, while others are owned by the Imperial Irrigation District and a few other private parties (see J09CA102800). All areas of the Salton Sea are currently subject to moderate fishing.

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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Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA018000
SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (9) (#50)
20 August 1993

SITE NAME: SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (9) (#50)

LOCATION: Salton Sea Bomb Target #50 was presumably located in Riverside or Imperial Counties, California, within the boundaries of the Salton Sea, an inland body of water approximately 35 miles long and 15 miles wide. The available information does not provide a specific location for this target site.

SITE HISTORY: Extremely limited information exists concerning Salton Sea Bomb Target #50. No specific information concerning the acquisition, size, or location of this site was found. The available information indicates only that the Eleventh Naval District possessed this target in April of 1945. Based on the information available for other Naval target areas during the 1940s (see J09CA102800), it is presumed that Salton Sea Bomb Target #50 was a floating target for practice bombing runs (using practice bombs). Similarly, no specific information was available concerning disposal of this site. An Eleventh Naval District document routing slip suggests only that Target #50 was discontinued, or was being considered for discontinuance, in October 1945. As the location of this site is not known, current ownership could not be determined. All areas of the Salton Sea are currently subject to moderate fishing.

Interviews with persons familiar with the area, and site visits to several other former Salton Sea target sites (see J09CA102800, J09CA018200, J09CA018300, J09CA018400, J09CA018500, J09CA018600, J09CA018700, J09CA018800, J09CA018900, J09CA019000, J09CA019100, J09CA019300, J09CA019400, J09CA019600, and J09CA019700) indicated that only one structure, possibly associated with former DOD activity is known to currently exist on the Salton Sea. An approximately 75 feet by 40 feet wooden pyramid-shaped structure, which is 15 feet high in the center, is located on open water approximately 0.75 offshore and within the active Salton Sea Naval Test Base (see J09CA102800). Mr. Joseph Branna, California Department of Fish and Game, who has traveled this area extensively, indicated that no other target remains are visible on the Salton Sea. Mr. Jim Kelly, Real Estate supervisor for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), indicated that he has seen no evidence of former DOD use on IID properties in the Salton Sea.

SITE VISIT: The specific location of this target site is not known. On May 5 and May 6, 1993, Mr. Ken Goulding of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California, conducted surveys of several other former Salton Sea Naval targets.

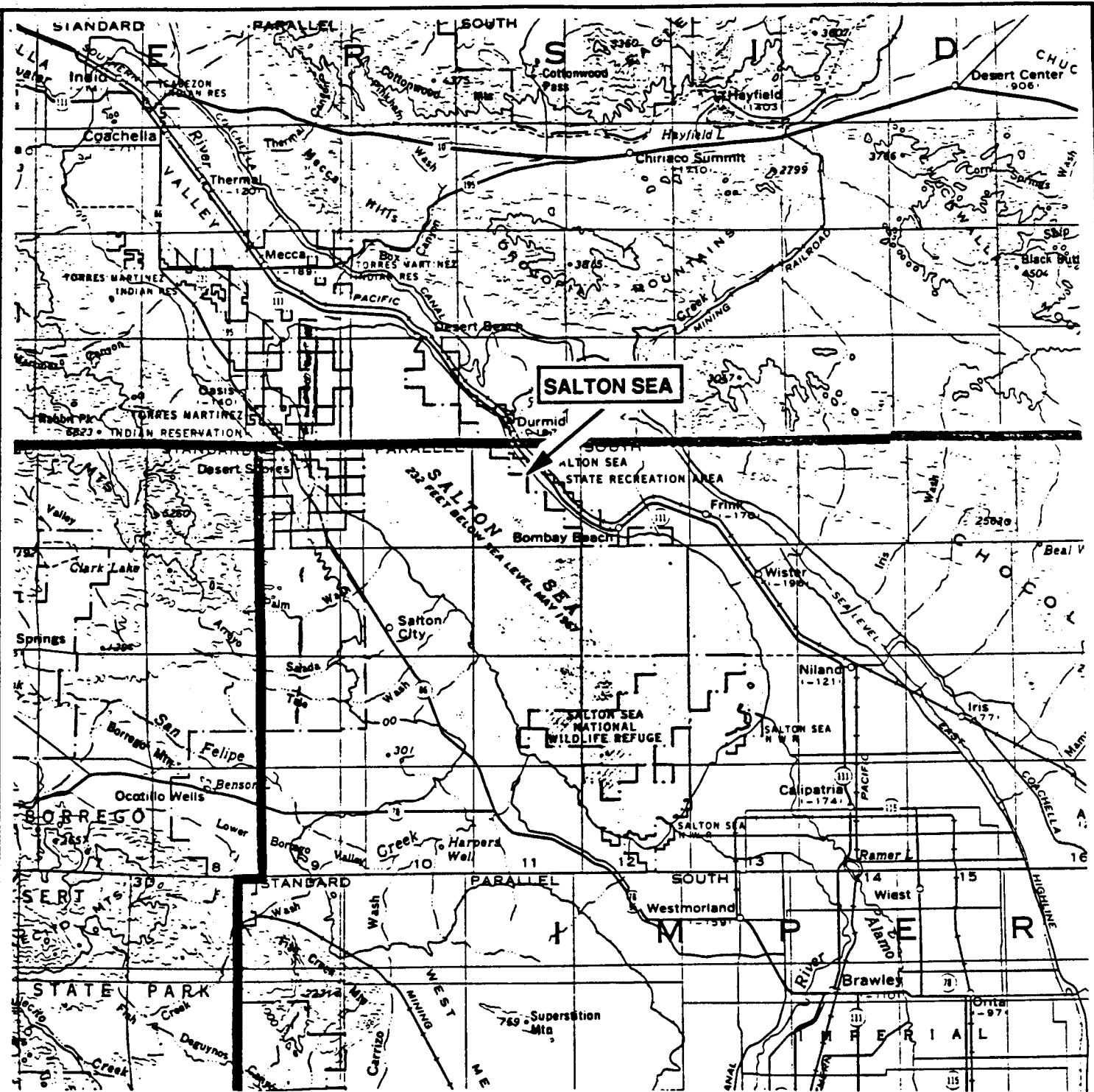
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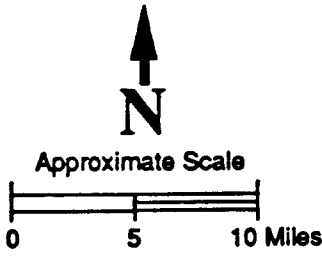
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Recommend the MCX for OEW at Huntsville Division make a determination regarding further investigation at this site.


AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: Historical information on 11th Naval District bomb targets was obtained from the National Archives office in Laguna Niguel, California.

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



Reference:
 USGS State of California, South Half, Compiled in 1968, Edition of 1970



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