

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

SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (FBT 15) (#56)
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA018600

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. No information was found concerning the actual size or means of acquisition of this site. The available information indicates only that the Eleventh Naval District was using this site (for a target positioned at latitude 33°27'00"N, longitude 115°52'30"W) in 1944 and 1945. Based on the information available for several other Salton Sea bomb targets, it is likely that the Navy leased approximately 640 acres (a full section) from the United States Department of Interior in the early 1940s (see J09CA102800). Based on the above coordinates, the subject section is presumed to be Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 11 East, San Bernardino Meridian.
2. Salton Sea Bomb Target #56 was an illuminated, pyramid target, located in open water. It was used by the Navy as a high altitude and dive bombing practice target.
3. No specific information was found concerning the disposal of this site. It is likely that, as with the other above-mentioned Salton Sea bomb targets, a permit was discontinued in approximately 1946. The current site owner is the United States Department of Interior. The property is withdrawn under a state order for the Yuma Reclamation Project, and the current use is moderate fishing.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. J09CA018600
SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (FBT 15) (#56)
20 August 1993

SITE NAME: SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (FBT 15) (#56)

LOCATION: Salton Sea Bomb Target #56 is located in Riverside County, California, within the boundaries of the Salton Sea, an inland body of water approximately 35 miles long and 15 miles wide. Historical information indicates that this target was positioned at latitude 33°27'00"N, longitude 115°02'30"W. For the purposes of this report it is assumed that, as with the majority of the other target sites acquired during the early 1940s, an approximately one-square mile section was obtained. Therefore, based on the above coordinates, this site is presumed to encompass all of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 11 East, San Bernardino Meridian (the center of which is at 33°26'55"N, longitude 115°52'31"W). This particular location within the Salton Sea is approximately 1 mile north of the Riverside/Imperial County line, and 0.5 mile offshore from Highway 111 and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

SITE HISTORY: Extremely limited information exists concerning Salton Sea Bomb Target #56. From 1941 to 1944, the Eleventh Naval District acquired authorization by permits to use designated areas of the Salton Sea as practice bomb targets. Required permits were obtained from the Department of Interior, Imperial Irrigation District or other property owners. The available information suggests that Bomb Target #54 was acquired during this period from the Department of Interior. This particular target was located in open water, and was described as a pyramid, high altitude and dive bombing target. No information was found concerning the expiration of a permit for this site, but permits for other Salton Sea bomb targets were discontinued in 1945 and 1946. The current site owner is the United States Department of Interior, and the current use is moderate fishing.

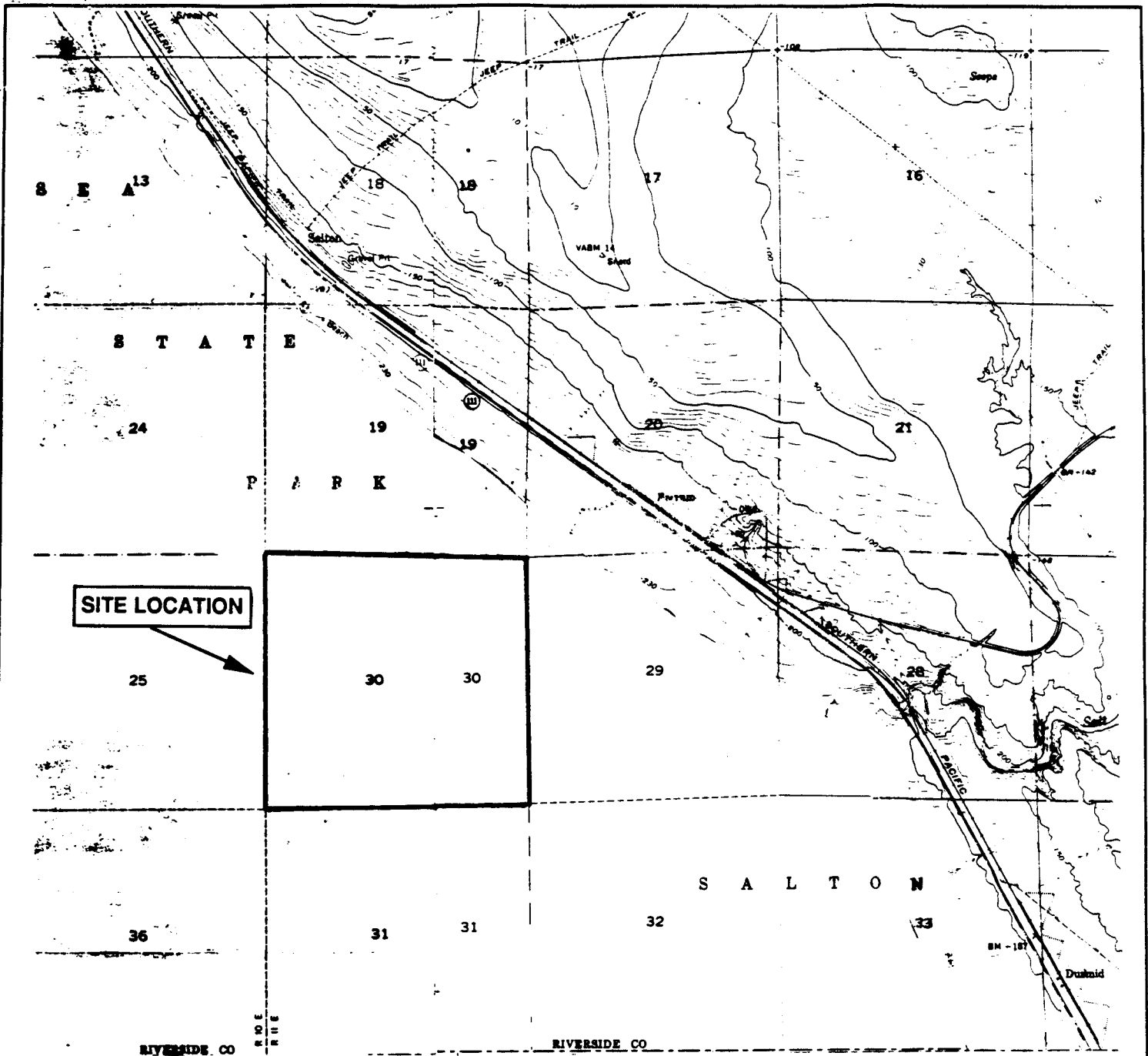
SITE VISIT: The site was visited on May 5, 1993, by Ken Goulding of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California.

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, Riverside California, and the Riverside County Assessor's Office, Riverside California.

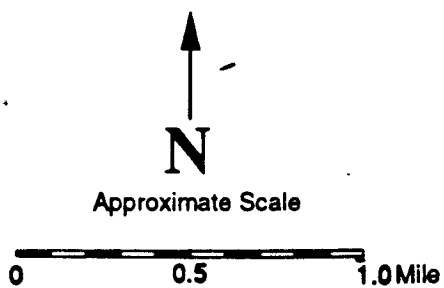
DISTRICT POC: Jatin Desai, Los Angeles District, (213) 894-6266




Latitude / Longitude at Approximate Center of Site:
 33° 26' 55"N / 115° 52' 31"W

Reference:

USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Salton Sea, Calif. (1:24 000), 1956;
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