

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

SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (FBT 14) (#55)
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA018500

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Limited information was found concerning the actual size and means of acquisition of this site. The available information indicates that the Eleventh Naval District acquired either 640 or 960 acres in approximately 1943. Either all (640 acres) or one-half (320 acres) of Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 10 East (SBB&M) was obtained from the Department of Interior. During the same time period, the remaining 320 acres (west half of Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 10 East) was presumably obtained by revocable permit from the Portals Corporation.

2. Salton Sea Bomb Target #55 was an illuminated, pyramid target, located in open water. It was used by the Navy as a high altitude and dive bombing practice target(s). Historical information indicates that, "no improvements or work of any kind, other than access, [was] intended on any land area in this vicinity, and the only structural work [was] the driving of piles or laying of anchors in the sea area." Further, the targets were considered temporary and were to be bombed by light target bombs having no great explosive effect.

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. Currently, Section 10 is owned by the United States Department of the Interior, and the west half of Section 11 is owned by the State of California. 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
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SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA018500
SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (FBT 14) (#55)
20 August 1993

SITE NAME: SALTON SEA BOMB TARGET (FBT 14) (#55)

LOCATION: Salton Sea Bomb Target #55 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. The site is accessed through the Salton Sea State Park, which is located 27 miles south of Indio, California on Highway 111.

SITE HISTORY: The available information indicates that Bomb Target #55 was acquired from the Department of Interior and the Portals Corporation in approximately 1943. The 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 owners are the United States Department of Interior and the State of California. The current use is moderate fishing.

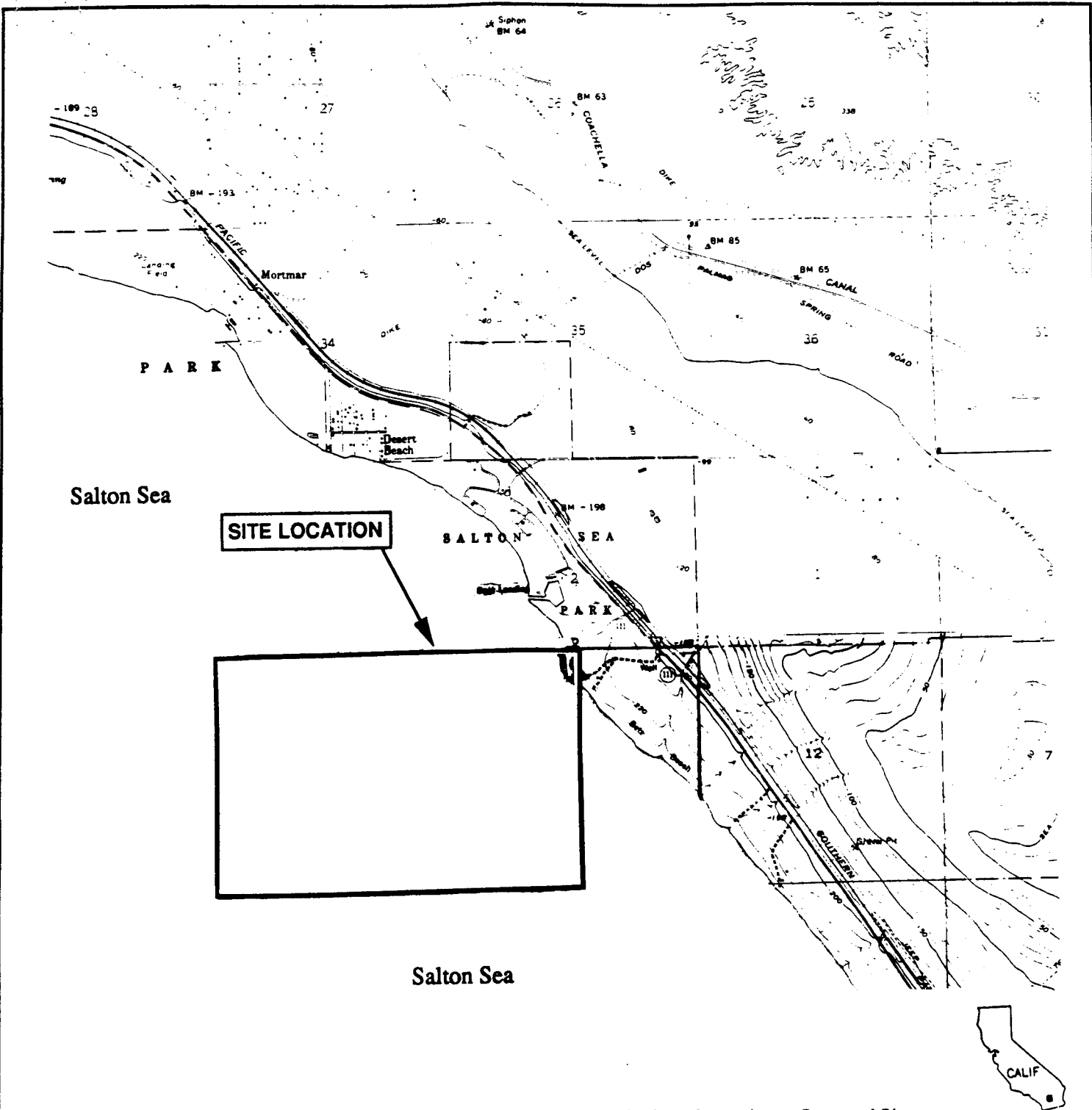
SITE VISIT: The site was visited on May 5, 1993, by Ken Goulding of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California. (The site survey included not only the site, but also the recreation area in the east half of Section 11.)

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; and Chicago Title Company, Palm Desert, California.


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



Latitude / Longitude at Approximate Center of Site:
 33° 29' 00" N / 116° 01' 35" W

Reference:

USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Salton Sea, Calif. (1:24 000), 1956;
 USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Mortmar, Calif. (1:24 000), 1958, photorevised 1974.


 Approximate Scale

0 0.5 1.0 Mile



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