

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FOR FORMERLY USED SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 10
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT NO. J09CA067600

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In May 1943, 640 acres were transferred from the U.S. Department of the Interior to the War Department through Public Land Order 125.
2. Victorville PBR No. 10 was used by the Army Air Forces based at Victorville Airfield as a practice bombing area. There were no buildings on the site. The Department of Defense (DOD) improvements on the site consisted of frame butts and appurtenances, fences and gates, and a bombing target. The bombing target, located in the center of the site, was composed of asphalt strips approximately 5 feet wide configured as three concentric circles with approximate radii of 100, 200, and 300 feet. In addition, there were two strips of asphalt which transected the concentric circles at right angles to each other.
3. Victorville PBR No. 10 was informally returned to the Department of the Interior in November 1948 by a Letter of Transfer. The Letter of Transfer declared the bombing target to have been dedudded and certified to be free and clear of explosives or explosive objects reasonably possible to detect by visual inspection. All removable improvements, e.g. fences and gates, were removed. The transfer of land from the DOD to the Department of the Interior became official in March 1954, by Public Land Order 948. Currently, the site is controlled by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to have been formerly used by the DOD. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program For Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.

23 July 91

Date

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Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY
FOR
DERP PROJECT NO. J09CA067600

SITE NAME: Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 10.

LOCATION: The former Victorville PBR No. 10 is located approximately 10 miles east of Lucerne Valley, California.

SITE HISTORY: In May, 1943, 640 acres were transferred from the U.S. Department of the Interior to the War Department through Public Land Order (PLO) 125. The site was used by the Army Air Forces based at Victorville Airfield as a practice bombing area. In November, 1948, PBR No. 10 was transferred back to the U.S. Department of the Interior; this transfer of land became official in March 1954 through PLO 948. Currently the site is controlled by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The site is on undeveloped desert land. The only DOD improvements still on the site are the weathered remains of the asphalt bombing target. There are no structures on the site. There is no visible evidence of unsafe debris, hazardous or toxic waste, or unexploded ordnance resulting from DOD use of the site. However, there are the fragments from exploded ordnance dropped on the bombing target scattered throughout the site. The fragments are spaced approximately 20-25 feet apart within the 300 foot bombing target and approximately 75-100 feet apart throughout the remainder of the site. San Bernardino County Environmental Health and Fire Departments, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board No. 7 and the George Air Force Base EOD Office records do not indicate any hazards associated with the site.

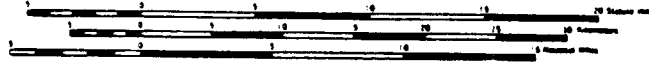
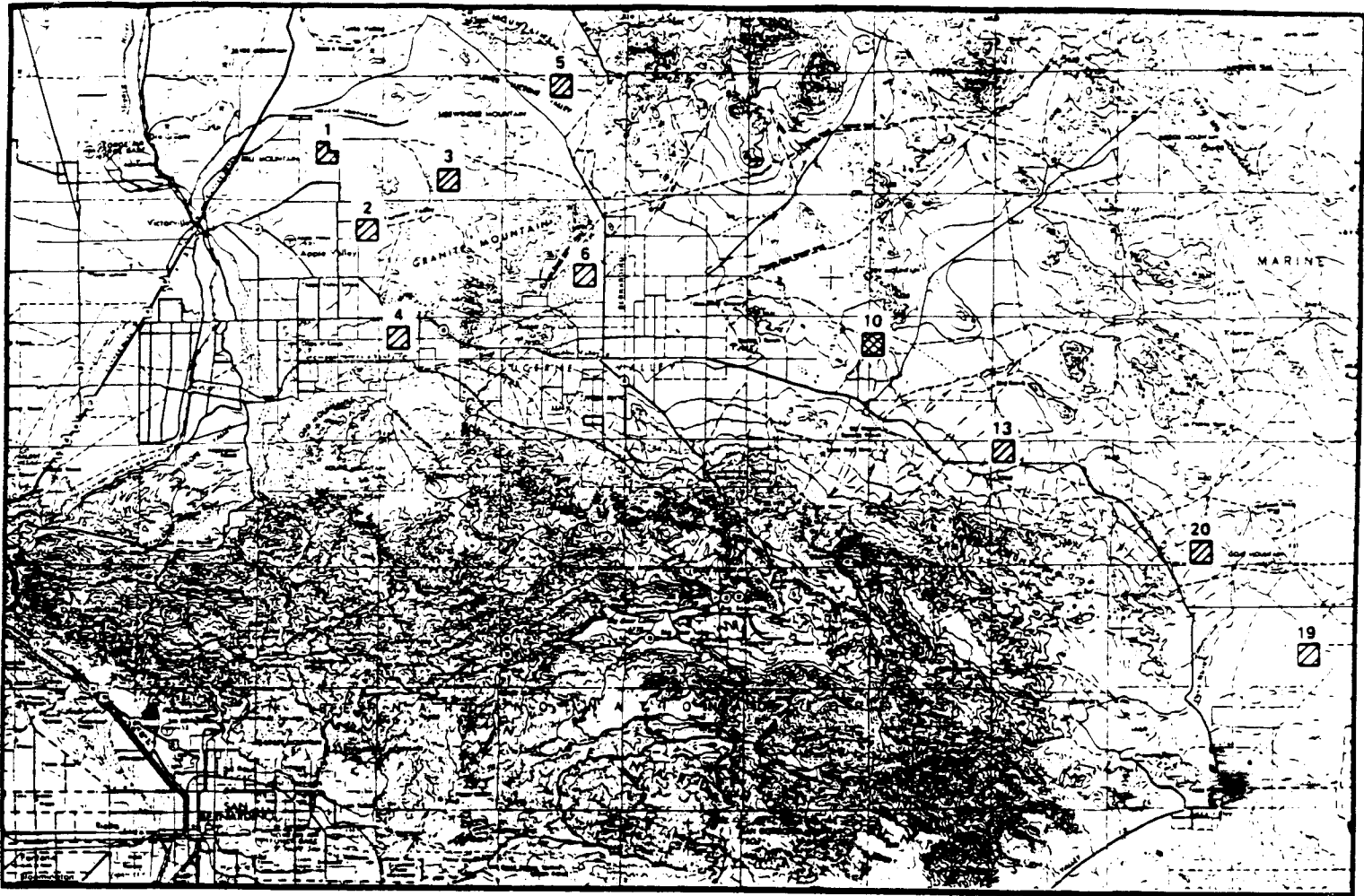
SITE VISIT: Dennis Parker and Paul Robinson, The Earth Technology Corporation visited the site on 21 November, 1988.

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: During the site visit, no visible evidence of hazardous or toxic waste, unexploded ordnance, or unsafe building debris was observed at the site. However, there are fragments of exploded ordnance scattered throughout the bombing target area.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION: None

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: A real estate file is maintained by the Real Estate Division, Los Angeles District, Corps of Engineers. The real estate file contains a partial record of acquisition and disposal information relative to the site. The real estate file also contained a document declaring the bombing target to be free and clear of explosives or explosive objects reasonably possible to detect by visual inspection.

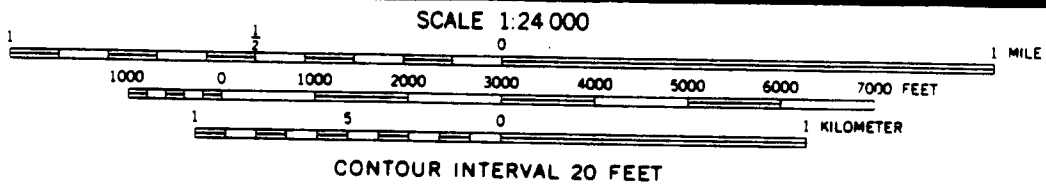
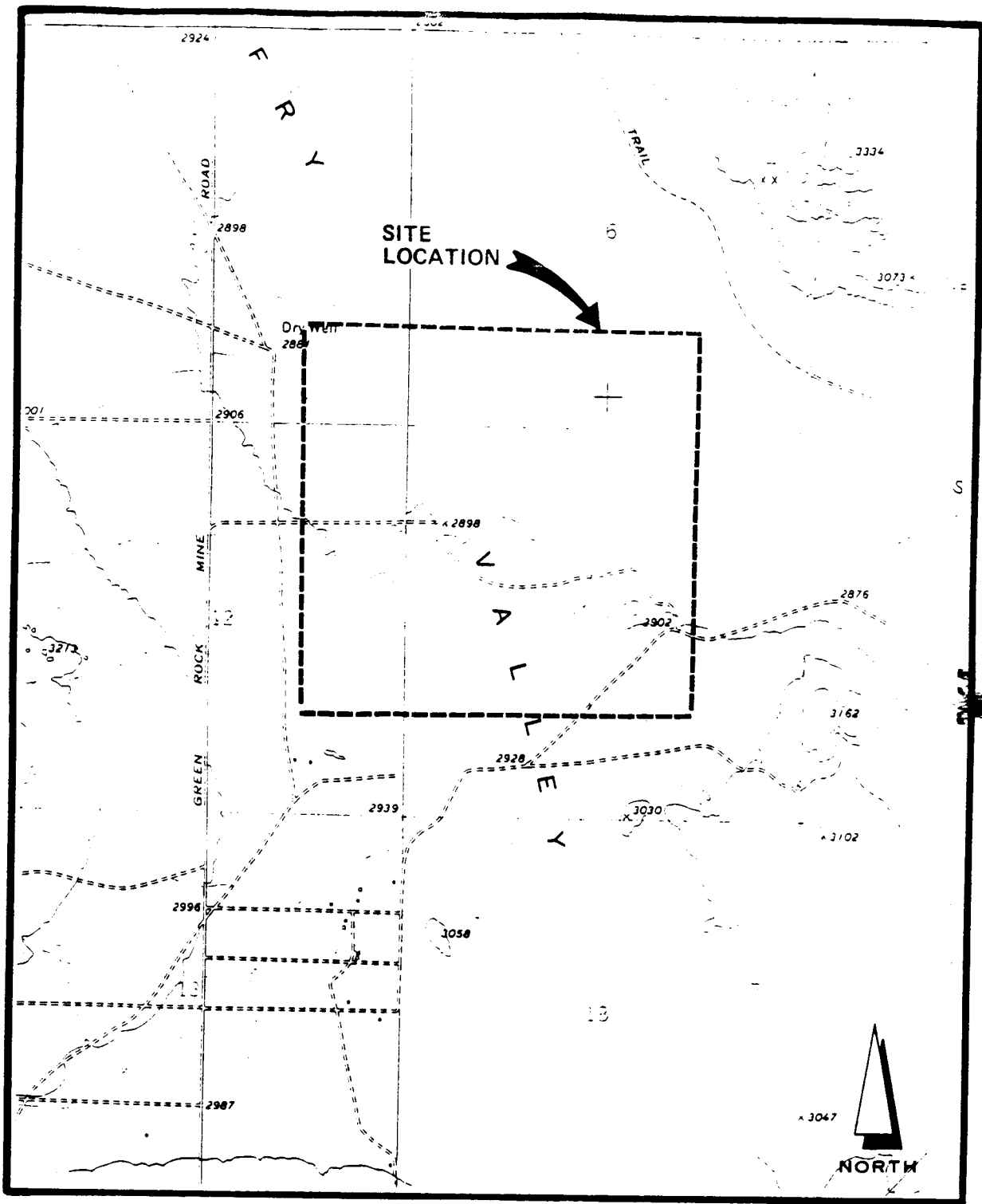
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**REGIONAL MAP FOR THE FORMER
 VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 10**



**TOPOGRAPHIC SITE MAP OF THE FORMER
VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 10**