

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FOR FORMERLY USED SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 20
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT NO. J09CA068700

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The site of 640 acres was used through an informal agreement between the War Department and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Control of the site was never formally transferred to the War Department.
2. Victorville PBR No. 20 was obtained for use by the Army Air Forces based at Victorville Airfield as a practice bombing area. However, there is no evidence the site was ever used for this purpose, as indicated by the lack of remains of an asphalt target associated with the other PBR sites.
3. Victorville PBR No. 20 was informally transferred to control of the U.S. Department of the Interior on 1 November 1948 through a Letter of Transfer. Currently, most of the site is controlled by private land owners, however, the northeast quarter of 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. J09CA068700

SITE NAME: Formerly Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 20.

LOCATION: The former Victorville PBR No. 20 is located approximately thirteen (13) miles northwest of Joshua Tree, California.

SITE HISTORY: No formal transfer or acquisition of property was ever obtained for Victorious PER No. 20. Victorious PER No. 20 was used through an informal agreement between the War Department and the U.S. Department of the Interior. The site was supposed to have been used as a practice bombing range by the Army Air Forces based at Victorville Airfield, however, no signs that the site was used as a bombing range were found during the site visit. Currently, most of the site is owned by approximately 100 private land owners, however, the northeast quarter of the site is controlled by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Small block wall houses are scattered throughout the site except in the northeast quarter of the site which is undeveloped desert land. No DOD improvements were observed 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. San Bernardino County Environmental Health and Fire Departments, the 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.

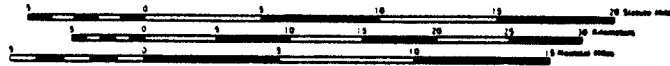
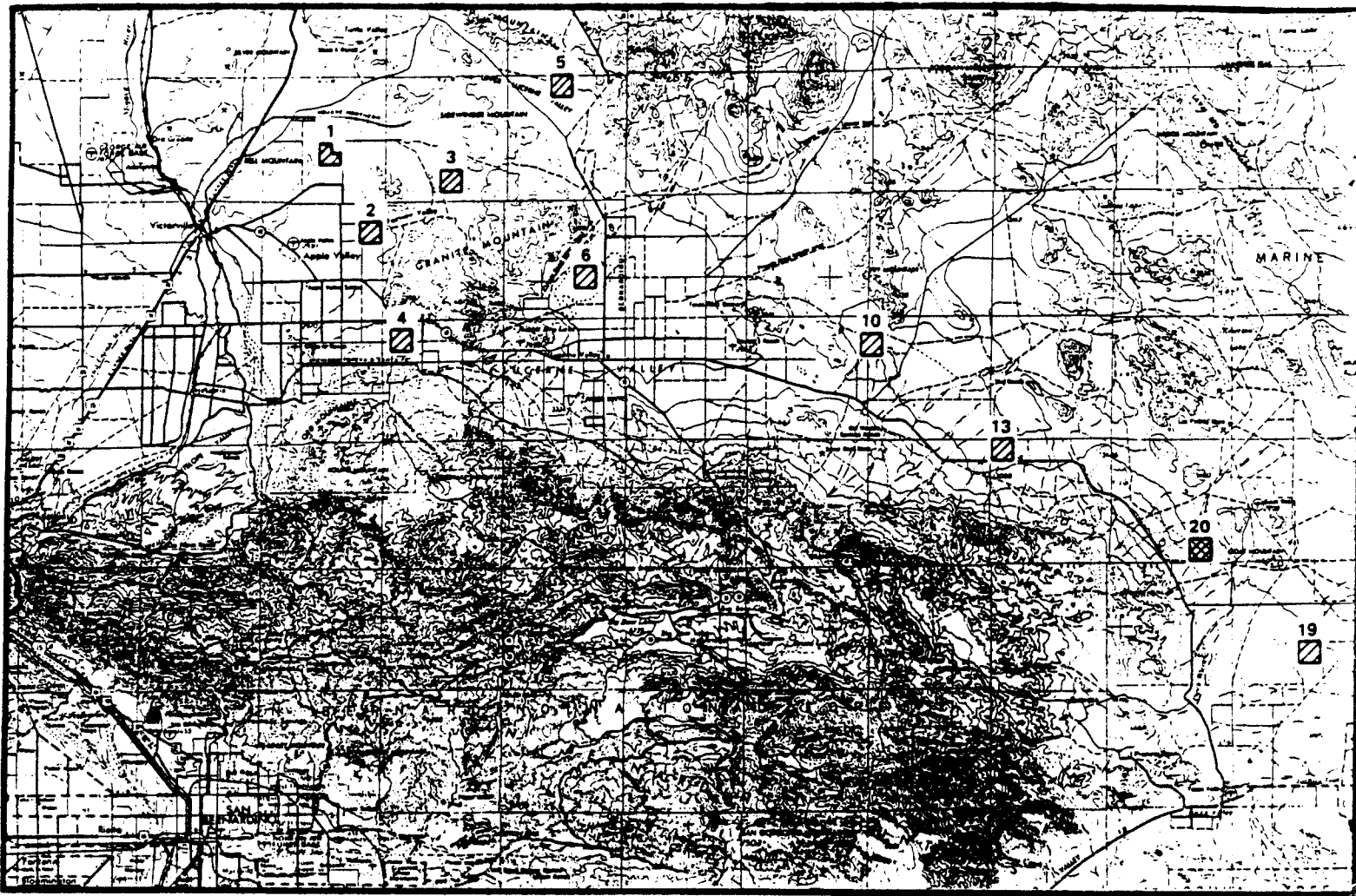
SITE VISIT: Dennis Parker and Paul Robinson, The Earth Technology Corporation visited the site on 21 November, 1988.

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.


PROJECT DESCRIPTION: None

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

POC/DISTRICT: Debra Castens, (213) 894-2865, Los Angeles District, Corps of Engineers.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 200 FEET
 WITH SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOURS AT 100 FOOT INTERVALS
 TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

-  VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 20
-  OTHER VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGES

**REGIONAL MAP FOR THE FORMER
 VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 20**