

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)

PROJECT FACT SHEET

JULY 1995

HNC REVISION: 3 JUNE 1997

TAG REVIEW DATE: 24 JUNE 1997

1. **SITE NAME:** Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #1

SITE NUMBER: J09CA025400

LOCATION:

City: 29 Palms
County: Riverside
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA025401

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 3

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #1 consisted of 2,560 acres 45 miles east of 29 Palms and 33 miles southeast of Cadiz, in Riverside County, California. The site is located in Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28 in T1S and R6E. Highway 62 runs through the middle of the former four mile square target.

The land is currently undeveloped desert land owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

The area is characterized by very hot summers, mild winters and very little precipitation. Daily maximum July temperatures average in excess of 100° F and in January, minimum readings are in the high thirties. The topography consists of great expanses of gentle surface with isolated knobs, buttes, ridges, and locally hilly areas. Although bounded by mountains, the area is not a lowland with elevations ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 feet above sea level. Runoff flows into the Colorado River Aqueduct. Pictures taken at the site show a desolate, flat landscape with little vegetation.

4. SITE HISTORY: The 2,560 acre site was acquired in accordance with a Real Estate Directive dated 3 July 1946 in which Special Use Permits were to be acquired from the Department of Interior. Prior to acquisition, this site was within the boundaries of the Desert Training Center (DTC), later called the California-Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA), which was used from April 1942 to April 30, 1944, when it was dissolved. During that time, this target was part of the Iron Mountain Artillery Range.

After the dissolution of CAMA, the Fourth Air Force, stationed at March Field, California, used the site as a sonic target area. There is no evidence that the target was marked in any way or that there were any improvements to the site. The site was declared surplus on 2 August 1948 and was relinquished to BLM by letter dated 21 April 1949.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	2,560
Former Use:	Bombing Range
Present Use:	Undeveloped desert land owned by BLM
Probable End Use:	Same
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Practice Bombs; Explosive Bombs

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report for Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #1 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St Louis District, in July 1995.

7. STRATEGY: RAC 3;EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The CEHNC Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommended a strategy of EE/CA, RAC 3 for this site based on findings by the site survey team of practice bomb debris, possible craters, two fragments from either high explosive bombs or artillery rounds, and artillery pits. Other finds were .50 cal projectiles and casings.

Natural Resources: The Federally and State threatened desert tortoise occurs within the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

Historical Resources: The ASR did not indicate if historical/cultural resources were found to be present at the site. Any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or other like organizations.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only