

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
SEPTEMBER 1996  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 17 APRIL 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Victorville PBR #1

**SITE NUMBER:** J09CA067500

**LOCATION:**

City: Victorville  
County: San Bernardino  
State: California

**PROJECT NUMBER:** J09CA067501

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 3

**ASR RAC:** 4

**TAG RAC:** 3

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) #1 is located in San Bernardino County, eight miles northeast of Victorville. The vast majority of the 560-acre site is undeveloped desert land. There are two or three occupied dwellings on site. Evidence such as vehicle tracks, bullet-riddled metal cans, and occasional debris piles suggest heavy civilian use as a recreational site. Winters are relatively warm

and summers are very hot. The vegetation in and around the site is sparse.

**4. SITE HISTORY:** In May 1942, 400 acres were obtained from private land owners by lease. The other 160 acres were transferred from the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). Victorville PBR #1 was used by the Army Air Forces based at Victorville Airfield as a practice bombing area. There were no buildings on the site. The War Department improvements on the site consisted of frame butts and appurtenances, fences and gates, and a bombing target.

According to the INPR, there are fragments from exploded ordnance dropped on the bombing target scattered throughout the site. The fragments are spaced approximately 15-20 feet apart within the 300 foot bombing target and 75-100 feet apart throughout the remainder of the site. The ASR Site Visit Team, however, did not report seeing any OE fragments on the target or its buffer zone. They speculate that it is highly likely that these items have been moved by whoever is leaving the extensive recreational vehicle tracks crisscrossing this site.

The leases from the private owners on 400 acres were terminated in December 1942 and the remaining 160 acres were transferred back to the DOI in November 1948. The land is now divided into 51 parcels.

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

AREA "A"

Size, Acres:	20
Former Use:	Bomb target
Present Use:	Undeveloped/recreation
Probable End Use:	Undeveloped/recreation
Ordnance Presence:	<b>Confirmed</b>
Type:	Practice bomb frag

AREA "B"

Size, Acres:	178
Former Use:	Bomb target buffer zone
Present Use:	Undeveloped/recreation
Probable End Use:	Undeveloped/recreation
Ordnance Presence:	<b>Confirmed</b>
Type:	Practice bomb frag

AREA "C"

Size, Acres:	362
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Former Use: Remaining land  
 Present Use: Undeveloped/a few houses/recreation  
 Probable End Use: Undeveloped/a few houses/recreation  
 Ordnance Presence: **Confirmed**  
 Type: Practice bomb, spotting charge remnants

**6. CURRENT STATUS:** A draft ASR was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in September 1996.

**7. STRATEGY:** OE EE/CA for site

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

Table 2-1 in the Conclusions and Recommendations volume of this ASR shows Areas A and B as having potential ordnance presence. By the definition for confirmed OE presence published in this ASR, which equates to the current accepted definition, Areas A and B are confirmed for OE presence. This is based on verifiable historical evidence of OE located on-site since site closure and documented in detail by the INPR site visit team who directly witnessed OE items in the target area (Area A) and "throughout the remainder of the site." Table 2-1 should reflect that all three, Areas A, B and C, are confirmed for OE presence.

The TAG has recommended a RAC 3 EE/CA for the entire site. One RAC form has been revised to reflect this recommendation (See attached).

The California State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has identified five historical or archaeological sites within Victorville PBR #1. Before any intrusive activities are initiated on the site, coordination with the SHPO should be made.

There is one Federally-listed species, the desert tortoise, likely to occur in 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.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY:**

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Orig. Start</u>	<u>Sch. Start</u>	<u>Actual Start</u>	<u>Orig. Comp</u>	<u>Sch. Comp</u>	<u>Actual Comp</u>
EE/CA						

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

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