

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
ORIGINAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 1996  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 7 MAY 1997**

**1. SITE NAME:** Victorville PBR # 13

**SITE NUMBER:** J09CA067900

**LOCATION:**

CITY: Lucerne Valley  
COUNTY: San Bernardino  
STATE: California

**PROJECT NUMBER:** J09CA067901

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 3

**ASR RAC:** 3 (Recommends RAC 4)

**TAG RAC:** 3

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**3. SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The former Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) #13 is located in San Bernardino County, 12 miles southeast of Lucerne Valley, CA. The vast majority of the 640 acre site is

undeveloped desert land. The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management controls most of the acreage. Private land owners possess legal title to approximately 70 parcels each measuring 2-1/2 acres. Winters are relatively warm and summers are very hot. The vegetation in and around the site is sparse.

#### **4. 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 125. The site was used by the Army Air Forces at Victorville Airfield for practice bombing using M38A2, 100 lb. Practice Bombs which were dropped on 5 feet wide concentric asphalt circles. These circles were configured with approximate radii of 2 feet to 300 feet. In November 1948, PBR #13 was transferred back to the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

#### **5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Area A: Size, Acres:	20
Former Usage:	Bomb target
Present Usage:	Undeveloped desert land
Probable End Usage:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Bomb, 100 lb. Practice, M38A2 w/Spotting Charge, M1A1

Area B: Size, Acres:	150
Former Usage:	Bomb Target Buffer Zone
Present Usage:	Undeveloped desert land
Probable End Usage:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Same as Area A

Area C: Size, Acres:	470
Former Usage:	All other lands
Present Usage:	Mostly undeveloped, with a few modest houses
Probable End Usage:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	None

#### **6. CURRENT STATUS:**

The Archives Search Report for Victorville Precision Bombing Range #13 was completed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in September 1996.

**7. STRATEGY:**

Area A: EE/CA  
Area B: EE/CA  
Area C: NOFA

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

a. The TAG recommends an EE/CA for Area A and Area B since confirmed debris from M38-series practice bombs was encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of these areas. NOFA is recommended for Area C.

b. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring 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: EE/CA**

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

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