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ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE REPORT
FOR
GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

MADDEN "A" FED. NO. 5 MADDEN "E" FED. NO. 2

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NEW MEXICO DIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION NEW MEXICO General American Oil Co. of Texas Moddren "A" Se tier Eddy G 28 17 South 30 Last 100 the 100 forth Fost\_ Fraucing Formation Grayburg-Jackson Premier 3627,0 1 ()utline the acreage dedicated to the aubject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below. 2 If more than one leave in dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty). 3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc? If answer is "yes," type of consolidation No. If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated (time reverse side of this form if necessary.). No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commis-CERTIFICATION reby certify that the information Lendell N. Hawkins -2310'-Assistant Field Superintendent General American Oil Co. of Texa: June 12, 1980 Date Surveyed June 4,1980 Registered Frotessional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

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# INTRODUCTION

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED BY A.C.A. OF EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY FOR GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. THE RECONNOITERED AREA WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO WELL PADS EACH WITH AN ACCESS ROAD. THE PROJECT WAS ADMINISTERED BY MR. LENDELL HAWKINS, GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY AND SCOTT SCHERMER, ACTING DIRECTOR, FOR ACA. THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE PORTALES OFFICE OF ACA.

THE FIELD WORK WAS CONDUCTED ON 13 JUNE 1980 BY MILES LINNABERY OF ACA AND TOMMY TAYLOR OF GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY. GOOD FIELD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS RECONNAISSANCE. THIS SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED UNDER FEDERAL ANTIQUITY PERMIT NUMBER 79-NM-049. A SEARCH OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER HAS BEEN MADE AND PROPERTIES WITHIN THIS AREA ARE NOT LISTED ON THE REGISTER.

# SURVEY TECHNIQUE

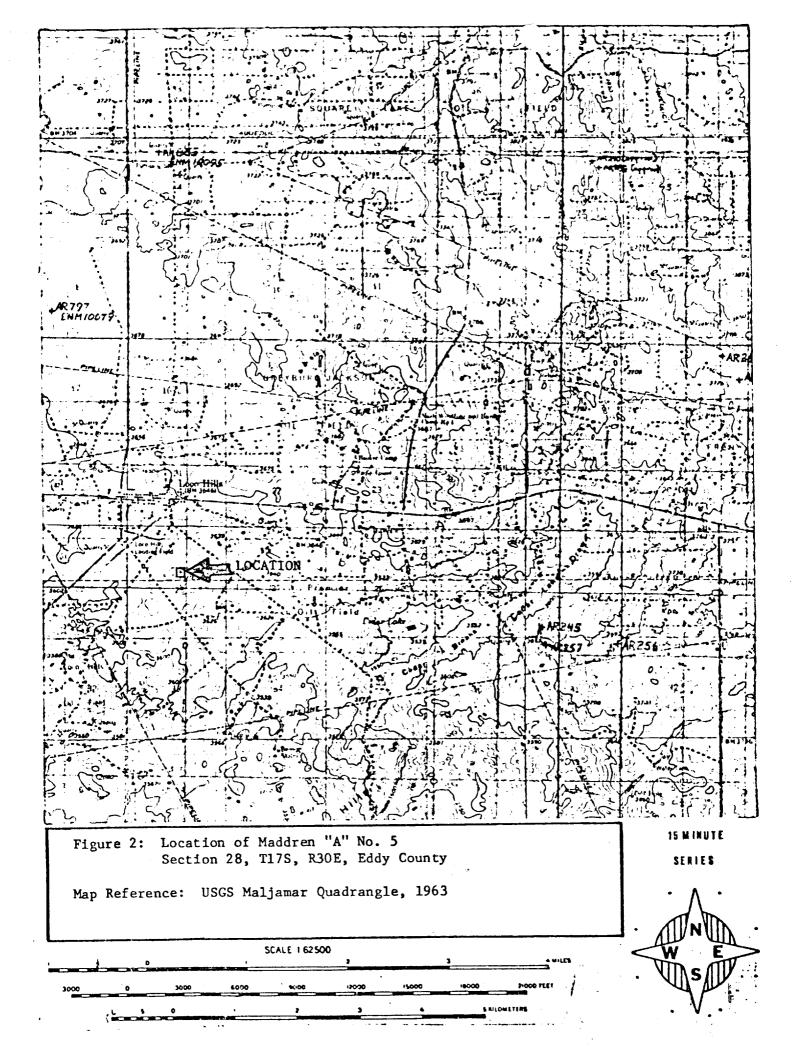
VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE WELL PADS WAS COMPLETED BY WALKING A SERIES OF PARALLEL TRANSECTS. EACH TRANSECT WAS COVERED IN A TIGHTLY SPACED ZIG-ZAG. THE ACCESS ROADS WERE EXAMINED AS INDIVIDUAL TRANSECTS. WITH TIGHTLY SPACED ZIG-ZAG PATTERNS COVERING THE LENGTH AND BREADTH. THE DOSTANCE BETWEEN TRANSECTS WAS 8 METERS. THIS METHOD MAXIMIZES THE OPPORTUNITY OF OBSERVING ANY CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN OR NEAR THE PROPOSED AREA OF IMPACT.

# MADDEN "A" FED. NO. 5

THE PROPOSED WELL PAD AND ACCESS ROAD APE LOCATED ONE MILE SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF LOCO HILLS, NEW MEXICO, NEAR THE LOCO HILLS FORMATION. THE ACCESS ROAD IS LOCATED WITHIN THE WORKING AREA OF THE PAD. THE PAD MEASURES 400 X 400 FEET AND IS SITUATED AS FOLLOWS:

SW1/4 NE1/4, SEC.28, T17S, R3ØE, NMPM, EDDY CNTY., N.M. (BLM)

MAP REFERENCE: USGS MALJAMAR QUADRANGLE, 15 MINUTE SERIES, 1963 (FIGURES 1 AND 2)



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# TERRAIN

THE PROPOSED WELL PAD IS LOCATED NEAR THE LOCO HILLS FORMATION, 1/2 MILE SOUTHEAST OF THE LOCO HILLS LANDING FIELD. IT IS SITUATED IN A SERIES OF LOW COPPICE DUNES ON A GENTLY ROLLING PLAIN. THE ELEVATION IS 3631 FEET. THE SOILS ENCOUNTERED IN THE AREA ARE PREDOMINANTLY RED SANDS. LITHIC INCLUSIONS WITHIN THE SOIL CONSIST OF UP TO 5 PERCENT OF THE SOIL VOLUME OF FRAGMENTED CALICHE AND SMALL GRAVELS. TAXONOMICALLY THIS SOIL CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE HAPLARGIDS-TORRIPSAMMENTS ASSOCIATION.

### FLORISTICS

ACA ENCOUNTERED A SPARSE FLORAL ASSEMBLAGE IN THIS VICINITY. THE DENSITY OF THE VEGETATION IN THE AREA IS APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PERCENT, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF SHRUBS. THE DOMINANT SPECIES IS MESQUITE. AMONG OTHER SPECIES PRESENT ARE BROOM SNAKEWEED, OAK BRUSH, CANE BLUESTEM, LITTLE BLUESTEM, PLAINS LOVEGRASS, POVERTY THREEAWN, TUMBLEWEED, NIGHTSHADE AND WILD BUCKWHEAT.

# CULTURAL RESOURCES

ACA DID NOT ENCOUNTER ANY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES OR ISOLATED MANIFESTATIONS, EITHER WITHIN OR NEAR THE PROPOSED DACILITIES. A REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DID NOT FIND ANY PROPERTIES LISTED FOR THIS LOCATION.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

ACA PECOMMENDS CLEARANCE FOR THE WELL PAD AND SUGGESTS THAT CONSTRUCTION BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED AS CURRENTLY PLANNED.

# MADDEN "E" FED. NO. 2

THE PROPOSED WELL PAD AND ACCESS ROAD ARE LOCATED 1.5 MILES SOUTH OF LOCO HILLS, N.M., NEAR THE LOCO HILLS FORMATION. THE PAD MEASURES 400 X 400 FEET AND THE ACCESS ROAD MEASURES 50 X 440 FEET. THEY ARE SITUATED AS FOLLOWS:

SE1/4 SW1/4, SEC.28, T17S, R3ØE, NMPM, EDDY CNTY., N.M. (BLM)

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MAP REFERENCE: USGS MALJAMAR QUADRANGLE, 15 MINUTE @ERIES, 1963 (FIGURES 3 AND 4)

#### TERRAIN

THE PROPOSED WELL PAD AND ACCESS ROAD ARE LOCATED NEAR THE LOCO HILLS FORMATION ALD IS 1 MILE SOUTH OF THE LOCO HILLS LANDING FIELD. THEY ARE SITUATED IN LOW COPPICE DUNES ON A GENTLY ROLLING PLAIN. THE ELEVATAON IS 3625 FEET. THE SOILS ENCOUNTERED IN THE AREA ARE PREDOMINANTLY TAN SANDS OVERLAYING ALTITHERMAL RED BEDS. LITHIC INCLUSTIENS CONSIST OF 10 PERCENT CALICHE AND GRAVELS. TAXONOMICALLY THIS SOIL CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE HAPLARGIDS-TORIPSAMMENTS ASSOCIATION.

# FLORISTICS

ACA ENCOUNTERED A MODERATE FLORAL ASSEMBLAGE IN THIS LOCATION. THE DENSITY OF THE VEGETATIEN IN THE AREA IS APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF SHRUBS. THE DOMINANT SPECIES IS OAK BRUSH. AMONG OTHER SPECIES PRESENT ARE BROOM SNAKEWEED, MESQUITE, AND TUMBLEWEED.

#### CULTURAL RESOURCES

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