ABSTRACT

On August 18, 1989, Pecos Archeological Consultants (BLM Cultural Use Permit No. 6-2920-89-I, State Blanket Survey Permit No. 89-024) undertook an archeological inventory for a proposed drill location scheduled to be impacted by Oryx Energy Corporation. This project will be situated on public lands in Eddy County, New Mexico. These lands occur in section 14, T17S, R29E, NMPM, Eddy County, N.M. A total of 3.6 acres of federal surface ownership were investigated during this project, which was conducted in 4 man-hours by James E. Hunt. One archeological site (LA 47675) was recorded as occurring within the impact zone that will result from the planned activity. This site is a large, dispersed artifact scatter which varies greatly in surface density. In the project area, cultural remains are restricted to undiagnostic chipped stone items which occur in a density ranging between 1 per 100 square meters and 1 piece per 200 square meters. Due to the limited nature of the cultural remains within impact zone, Pecos Archeological Consultants recommending clearance for this project as planned.