

to be heavily disturbed by recent grading and road construction and also contained ubiquitous evidence of chaining, root-plowing, and/or brush-hogging in the last several decades, likely related to the parcel's previous use for livestock ranching (see **Photos 6-8**). The survey consisted of pedestrian examination due to the lack of alluvial or dune deposits in the APE and the high visibility of the uneven, disturbed, burrowed ground surface. No archeological materials of any kind were observed within the APE, and no further work is recommended within the APE prior to the construction of the proposed storage facility.

A draft report with the observations and recommendations above is currently in preparation and will be submitted to Andrews County, the THC, and the NRC.

Request for Concurrence

Emily Reed

It is the professional opinion of CMEC cultural resources personnel that further cultural resources investigations are not warranted prior to construction. We ask for your concurrence with this finding.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at EmilyR@coxmclain.com or 512-338-2223.

Sincerely,

Emily Reed, Architectural Historian/ Project Manager

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Attachments

Figure 1: General Project Location Map

Figure 2: Detail Facility Map

Figure 3: Potential CISF Storage Facility Site Design Renderings

Figure 4: Proposed APE for Historic Resources

Figure 5: Viewshed Analysis Contextual Photographs

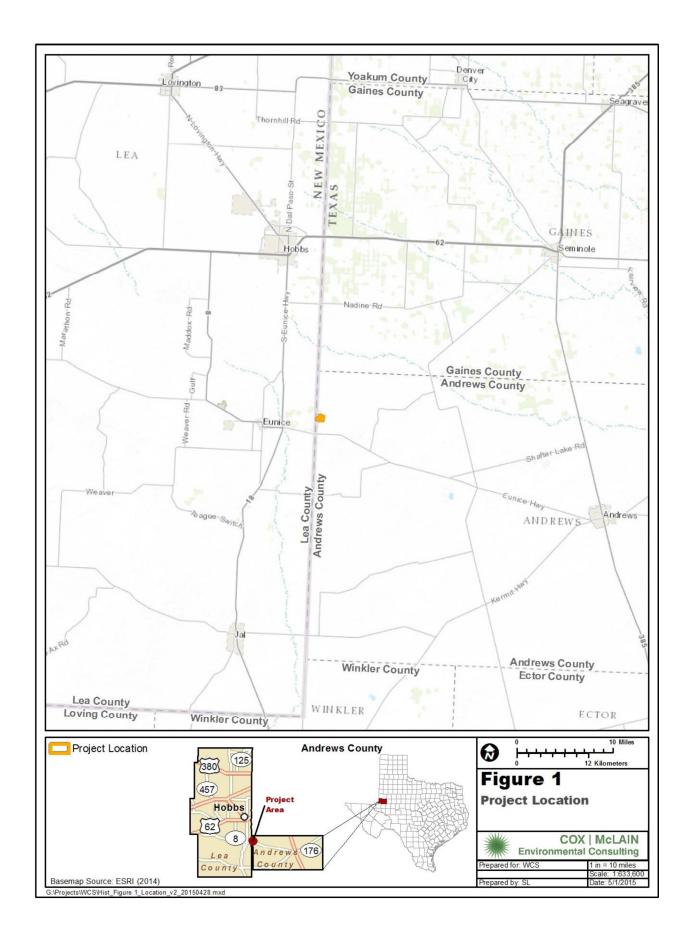
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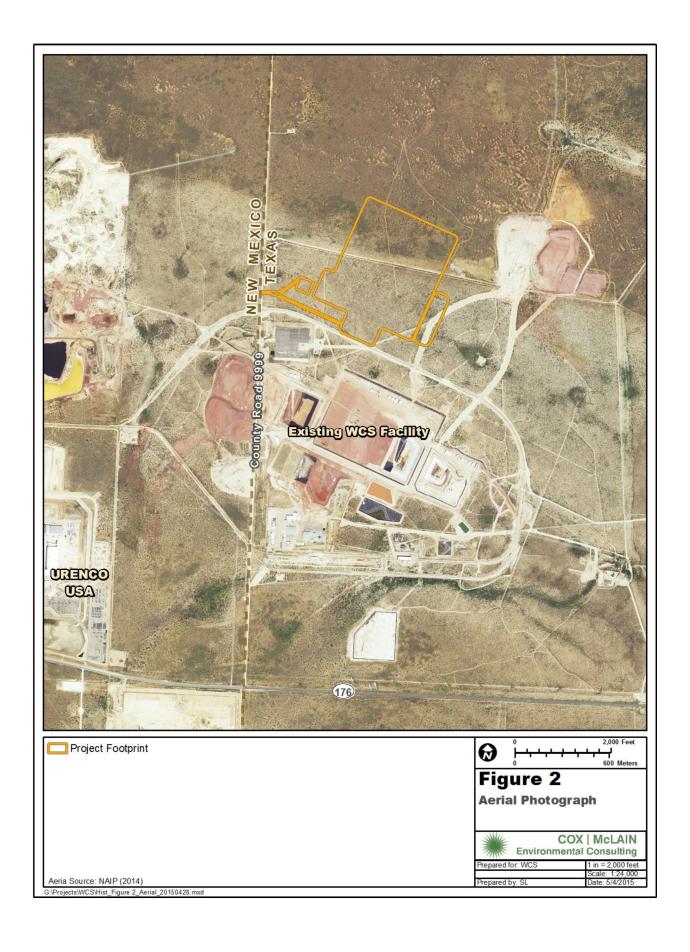
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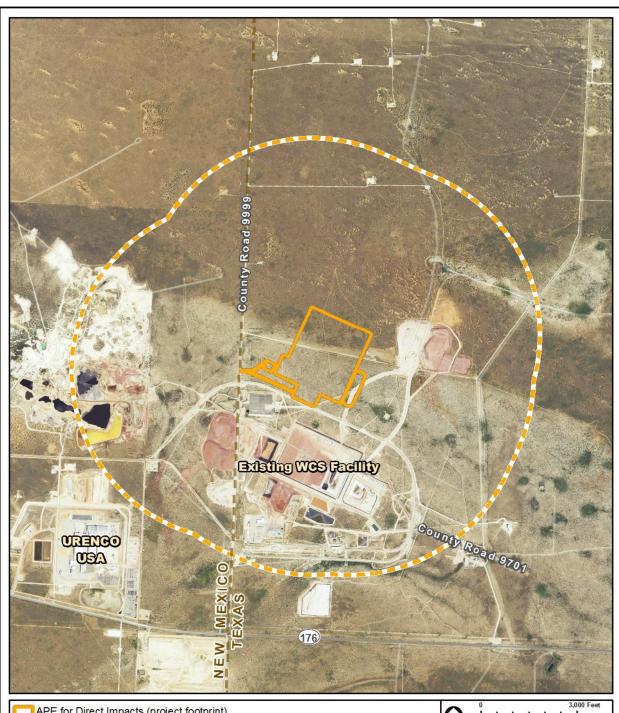


POTENTUAL ISFSI SITE RENDERINGS





Figure 3
Potential Storage Facility Site Design Renderings





Note: no previously recorded Texas resources mapped within either APE

Sources: THC (2015), TARL (2015) Aerial Source: NAIP (2014)

Figure 4 **Location of Historic** Area of Potential Effect COX | McLAIN Environmental Consulting

