



Photo 5. View looking east from Photo Point 4 (see **Figure 5**).



Photo 6. Looking east near east side of archeological APE with eastern sand/gravel pit in background.
Note disturbed, highly visible surface with common caliche fragments.



Photo 7. View west from east side of archeological APE. Red fill pile across Texas/New Mexico state line is visible in the background.



Photo 8. Close-up of typical ground surface. Note burrows. Also note mesquite stump fragment at lower left from previous clearing.



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RE: Consolidated Interim Spent Fuel Storage Facility (HPD log 101784)

Dear Ms. Reed,

On behalf of the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer (NMSHPO) I have completed a review of the information provided by Cox/McLain Environmental Consulting concerning the Consolidated Interim Spent Fuel Storage Facility in Andrews County, Texas. The NMSHPO appreciates your efforts to provide us with this information and to comment on the project's potential to affect historic properties in New Mexico. This letter provides NMSHPO comments for the project.

The SHPO concurs that no additional cultural resources identification efforts are needed for this undertaking with the condition that all new ground-disturbing and construction activities are confined to Texas. If, however, any construction related ground- disturbances such as staging areas, equipment or materials storage yards, or access roads are needed in New Mexico, then a cultural resource survey will be required to identify and evaluate historic properties in the area of potential effects.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me directly at (505) 827-4225 or email me bob.estes@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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