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## THE CLUI LAND USE DATABASE SITE CHARACTERIZATION FORM

Use this form to make suggestions for The Center for Land Use Interpretation Database Project, a catalog of unusual and exemplary forms of land use across the country.

### Site Name

What do they (the owners of the site) call it? Or what do others in the area call it? Or, if both of these is unknown, what do you call it? Usually the title describes the function of the site, such as in "Underwater Nuclear Warfare Center", or "The Barbed Wire Museum"

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### What is it?

Describe the function of the site or the activity that is pursued there, as well as any information that might be important to visitors, such as accessibility, toxic hazards, admission charge, etc.

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### Where is it?

Locate in relation to nearest town and roadway  
(for example: "10 miles southeast of Roswell off highway 380")

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### Is there a street address or a mailing address?

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### How do we get in touch with you if we need more information?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send any additional material on the site that is at your disposal, such as articles, references, and other sources of further information on the site. Any other personal information you would like to include, please use rear of this sheet, or a separate page. Thank you for your assistance.

Questions?: please call us at (310) 839-5722 After completing as much of this form as possible, fax to: (310) 839-6678 or mail to the address below.

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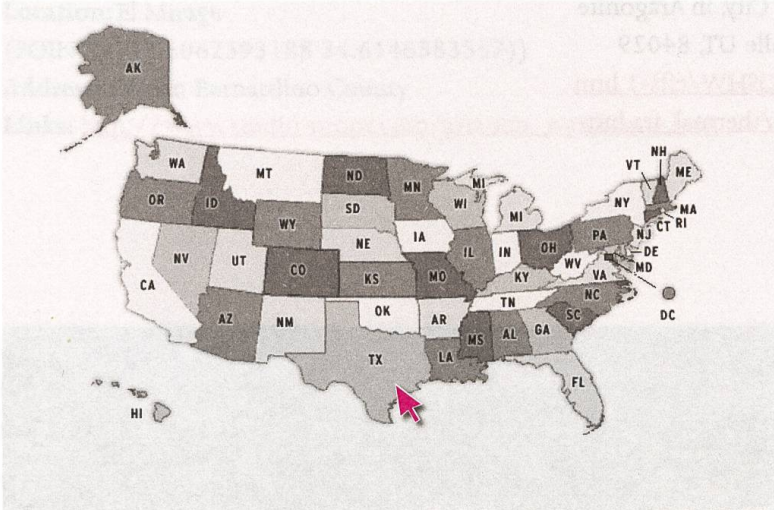
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## CLUI / THE LAND USE DATABASE

[www.clui.org](http://www.clui.org), Matthew Coolidge



The Center for Land Use Interpretation's Land Use Database is a collection of unusual and exemplary sites throughout the United States. Files, photographs, and other material are kept at the CLUI location in Los Angeles, where visitors can access this source material, and peruse the Center's in-house computer database, which has a few thousand complete and near-complete entries. A selection from this master version of the database is made available on the internet.

The database is a free public resource, designed to educate and inform the public about the function and form of the national landscape, a terrestrial system that has been altered to accommodate the complex demands of our society.

Some sites included in the database are works by government agencies involved in geo-transformative activities, such as the Department of Energy, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Defense.

Also included are industrially altered landscapes, such as especially noteworthy mining sites, features of transportation systems, and field test facilities for a variety of high-impact technolo-

gies. The database includes museums and displays related to land use, and one of the most thorough listings of land art sites available.

The database describes these sites, and offers links for more detailed information. In many cases information on how to visit these sites is provided, so that they may be directly experienced.

On the following pages, Matthew Coolidge and Jörg Stollmann edited a selection of sites according to their appearance in the database.

The database is continuously being updated by increasing the number of sites listed and expanding the information it contains. CLUI encourages input from those interested in helping improve this resource.

For further information, please visit [www.clui.org](http://www.clui.org).

To Suggest a Site, use the online Site Characterization Form or cut out or copy the form on the opposite page.



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### **Aptus Hazardous Waste Incinerator**

**Name:** Aptus Hazardous Waste Incinerator

**Category:** Waste

**Archive ID#:** UT3132

**Location:** 35 miles SW of Salt Lake City, in Aragonite

**Address:** Exit 56 Hwy I 80 Grantsville UT, 84029

**Links:** <http://www.eq.state.ut.us/EQSHW/cffs-1.htm>

[http://www.safety-kleen.com/how/thermal\\_fra.htm](http://www.safety-kleen.com/how/thermal_fra.htm)



**Description:** Major hazardous waste incinerator. Burns a minimum of 30,000 tons of solvents, paints, old chemicals, contaminated soils, and PCBs every year. Owned by Safety Kleen, which owns another major chemical waste incinerator a few miles west at Clive. The other major incinerator owned by the company, one of the largest hazardous waste companies in the country, is at Deer Park, TX. Former operators of Aptus include Rollins Environmental Services, which recently bought it from Westinghouse.



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**Aviation Parts Warehouse Inc. Scrapyard**

**Name:** Aviation Parts Warehouse Inc. Scrapyard

**Category:** Cultural

**Archive ID#:** CA4952

**Location:** El Mirage

(POINT(-117.6062393188 34.6146583557))

**Address:** CA San Bernardino County

**Links:** [http://www.studio-props.com/aviation\\_warehouse.htm](http://www.studio-props.com/aviation_warehouse.htm)



**Description:** An aviation parts yard with an unusual collection of aircraft hulks and fuselages, used primarily by the movie industry. Pieces from this yard have been trucked all over the country and used in over 300 feature films, including “Speed” and “Hero.” This 15-acre site is Aviation Parts Warehouse Inc.’s largest yard, though the company owns other properties.

**Visitor Info:** Not open to the public, but sometimes people are around to talk, and there is a store there with books and manuals. Much visible from outside fence. Adjacent to General Atomics UAV test site at El Mirage Dry Lake. North of El Mirage Road, on El Mirage Airport Road, a mile or so east of the town of El Mirage.



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**Envirosafe Chemical Waste Site**

**Name:** Envirosafe Chemical Waste Site

**Category:** Waste

**Archive ID#:** OH3136

**Location:** 10 miles E of Toledo, in Oregon

**Address:** OH

**Links:** <http://www.envirosafeservices.com/pages/1/index.htm>

<http://www.ohiocitizen.org/campaigns/envirosafe/envirosafe.html>



**Description:** The single permitted commercial hazardous waste dump in Ohio is located across the river from Toledo, in the industrial and farming community of Oregon. The site consists of hundreds of acres of grass covered mounds and waste handling sheds. It is one of the only commercial hazardous waste dumps in the country with direct rail access. Envirosafe sold its other hazardous waste site in Idaho in 2001.



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**Prima Deshecha Landfill**

**Name:** Prima Deshecha Landfill

**Category:** Waste

**Archive ID#:** CA3377

**Location:** San Juan Capistrano

(POINT(-117.6588326145 33.498046875))

**Address:** CA Orange County

**Links:** <http://www.oc.ca.gov/iwmd/primadeshecha.htm>



**Description:** This portion of Prima Deshecha Canyon, with ocean views above Capistrano Beach, is slowly being filled in with trash from the households and industries of Orange County. Though the two other major dumps in the county (at Sand Canyon and at Brea) currently receive more waste, they are running out of room. The Prima Deshecha Landfill is larger in area than both, and is expected to operate for decades. Paying scavengers at the dump collect some of the waste as it comes in, and return much of the saleable material to Mexico. Methane is collected from a network of buried pipes, and fuels a power plant at the landfill.



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### Grassy Mountain Waste Dump

**Name:** Grassy Mountain Waste Dump

**Category:** Waste

**Archive ID#:** UT3149

**Location:** 44 miles E of Wendover

**Address:** N Hwy 40 Lake Point UT, 84074

**Links:** <http://www.eq.state.ut.us/EQSHW/cffs-1.htm>

[http://www.safety-kleen.com/about/map\\_fra.htm](http://www.safety-kleen.com/about/map_fra.htm)



**Description:** This 640 acre site for hazardous and toxic materials opened in 1982 and employs about 100 people. Laidlaw operated this facility until recently, and it served as a dump site for the toxic ash from Laidlaw's incinerator, 15 miles away at Clive. One of three waste sites Laidlaw acquired when it bought U.S. Pollution Control Inc. (USPCI), a Union Pacific corporation, in 1994. Grassy Mountain is now operated by the Safety-Kleen company, which has bought most of Laidlaw's hazardous waste site in the west. Safety-Kleen operates more than 10 landfills and four chemical waste incinerators throughout the United States and Canada.

**Visitor Info:** Located between the Clive exit and the Knolls exit of Interstate 80. Look for the sign from the service road that parallels the Interstate on the north side. After the sign it's around five miles to the dump site. Gated and manned, but public dirt roads surround the site.



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**Hyperion Treatment Plant**

**Name:** Hyperion Treatment Plant

**Category:** Waste

**Archive ID#:** CA3523

**Location:** Los Angeles

**Address:** CA

**Links:** <http://www.ci.la.ca.us/SAN/htp.htm>



**Description:** The Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant is the last stop for the liquid wastes flowing out of the City of Los Angeles. From the 4 inch pipes that connect to the homes of the city, to the 30 foot diameter trunk lines that connect to the plant, the city's network of 6,500 miles of buried pipeline bring 320 million gallons of waste into the plant every day. Hyperion underwent a major expansion in the 1990ies, and is now the third largest sewage facility in the country, after Chicago's and Boston's. It is located above the beach next to LAX, and discharges the treated waste into the ocean.

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### **Monsanto Phosphate Plant and Slag Pour**

**Name:** Monsanto Phosphate Plant and Slag Pour

**Category:** Industrial

**Archive ID#:** ID3127

**Location:** N of Soda Springs

**Address:** Soda Springs ID Caribou County

**Links:** <http://www.clui.org/newsltr/lotlfw97/lava.html>



**Description:** Monsanto operates a phosphate plant at this location that dumps glowing molten phosphate ore down the edge of its slag pile around 5 times an hour, 24 hours a day. The 530 acre plant has operated since 1952, and the slag mound is an elevated landscape, growing slowly at its edges, and is 150 feet high in places. The phosphate produced here is used in many products, including toothpaste, foods, cleansers, fertilizers, and herbicides. A number of large industrial complexes are in the valley, including Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp., directly across State Highway 34 from Monsanto. Monsanto is a 100 year-old international chemical and food company, whose first product was saccharin.

**Visitor Info:** The plant is on the west side of Route 34, three miles north from the intersection of Highway 30 and Soda Springs. To get directly to the slag pour area from Soda Springs, follow 34 north, but continue north on 3rd East St. where 34 turns right. The slag pour area is a mile or so ahead.



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### PG&E Hinkley Compressor Plant

Name: PG&E Hinkley Compressor Plant

Category: Industrial

Archive ID#: CA4999

Location: Hinkley, W of Barstow

Address: CA

Links: [http://www.lawbuzz.com/famous\\_trials/erin\\_brockovich/erin\\_brockovich\\_ch1.htm](http://www.lawbuzz.com/famous_trials/erin_brockovich/erin_brockovich_ch1.htm)

<http://www.pgecorp.com/>

<http://www.uswaternews.com/archives/arcrights/tpgeri4.html>



**Description:** This plant is located along the natural gas pipeline that runs through the Mojave, part of a nationwide network that distributes gas throughout the United States and Canada. This portion of the pipeline is owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), one of the nation's largest utility companies, based in San Francisco. In the early 1990's, PG&E was accused of having knowingly contaminated the groundwater with a toxic form of chromium, which it used to prevent corrosion in the pipeline. This accusation led to one of largest environmental settlements to date (around \$350 million), paid to area families and plant workers, made sick by the contamination. An account of this story was presented in a hollywood film called Erin Brockovich, released in March, 2000. Similar suits have been filed against the company for contamination at some of its other compressor stations along the pipeline, at Topock, and at Kettleman, where Brockovich is also involved.