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EU: 08-1

SU: 5003

Area: Vigla

Supervisor: BO

Recorder: JMF

Summary: The change in soil consistency appears to differ from 5002 because of the change in the direction of the flow.

Chronology: (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

Harris matrix

Coordinates

S010	5002	
S010	5003	
	5004	
<del>S010</del>	<del>5004</del>	<del>5005</del>

N 1459

W 4483

E 4488

S 1458

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 10YR 6/6

Soil type: loamy sand

Consolidation: firm

Stoniness: 20% <sup>gravel</sup>

Dominant clast size: ~~clay~~ gravel

Maximum top elevation: W=55.146 C=55.126 E=55.076

Minimum bottom elevation: W=55.066 C=55.021 E=54.986

(\*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: none

Features

f1. 5003-f1 (wall?)

f2.

f3.

f4.

f5.

List all photographs of this SU (p1, p2, etc.):  
5002-p1 + 5002-p2 top of SU 5003 + bottom of SU 5002  
5003-p1; 5003-p2 bottom of 5003 + top of 5004 + 5005

List all drawings of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

5003-d1

Procedure

Dry sieve  Water sieve  If water sieve, # of bags: \_\_\_\_\_

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 2 Stone 1 Bone 0 Metal 1 Organic 0 Plaster 0 Other 1  
Shell 1

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Description: During SU 5003 the feature that started to appear at the end of SU 5002 was expanded and continues in the western half of the unit. The mortar that came out easily <sup>or was loosened by the plow in previous years</sup> was not kept. As we continued ~~down~~ <sup>there was</sup> down the East End, ~~there was~~ pottery scatter of handles, rims & sherds that are roughly similar to the amphora handle that appears nearly intact that seems to follow down ~~to~~ into SU 5004. The mortar was ~~not~~ kept after much debate and bagged but the bag ~~will~~ will be kept in the shed with the field equipment, the big stuff. The soil is getting looser and I will state here that the plow zone is nearly gone. There is not too much difference in the white rock just that it had extended ~~to~~ further across the unit to the North. The uncovered portion of wall appears to A) have little to no curvature and B) NOT be a load-bearing wall. As the geophysical posited the eye wall at a position roughly 1.5m east of the uncovered

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Description: (cont) wall, it is possible that there are several phases of occupation and the apse is yet buried. Besides a dark stain on the front west wall, there has been no change in soil composition; a new Su will begin here to depth (20cm mark) above.

Further description of wall feature:  
 The wall is orientated N-S at about a 110° angle from the S wall. It is constructed of relatively small stones (10-20cm cobbles) that are roughly hewn and bonded with a mortar composite. As of now there is no obvious facing; however, only ~5cm of wall have been excavated. The construction is rough face & random uncoursed in style. There are 2 well-preserved Hellenistic (?) pottery pieces on the EW side of the wall, perhaps this was originally the interior of the structure, which would accord with the ~~the~~ geophysical results for the basilica-style structure. Of interest is the large rock feature that lies E of the wall and has ~~be~~ gotten slightly undercut. Perhaps a fallen structural component?