# Decontamination and Decommissioning of Structure TA-3-156 and Building TA-3-163

Historic Building Survey Report No. 174

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#### **Abstract**

In June 1999, historic building surveys were conducted for one abandoned structure and one abandoned building proposed for decontamination and decommissioning (D&D). The buildings are situated on Department of Energy managed land at Los Alamos National Laboratory Technical Area (TA) 3.

Structure TA-3-156 (a cooling tower) and building TA-3-163 (a pump house) were built between June 4, 1962 and April 15, 1963, during the early to middle Cold War years. Both of these properties are support/ancillary buildings to a large laboratory facility at TA-3. Because these properties were built during this significant time period at Los Alamos, historic building assessments (New Mexico Historic Building Inventory Forms, building plan drawings, and photographs) for these properties have been included in this report.

Through documentation it has been determined that both support properties (TA-3-156, TA-3-163) are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Both were associated with the day to day operation of a large laboratory facility, which is also now abandoned, where Los Alamos National Laboratory's controlled thermonuclear research program was conducted until 1990.

The New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is requested to concur with the eligibility determinations contained in this report. Additionally, based on the status of the these properties as support buildings and the information included in this report regarding the proposed effects and treatment of effects to the properties, the SHPO is requested to concur with a "Determination of No Effect." Through documentation the structure and building have been determined not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further documentation of the structure (TA-3-156) and building (TA-3-163) is necessary prior to D&D project activities.

As a result of this historic building survey, this project complies with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended).

## **Provenience and Environmental Setting**

Location: Technical Areas (TA) 3 Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Land Manager: The Department of Energy (DOE)

Legal Description: Township 19 North, Range 6 East, Section 17

NE 14, SW 14, SE 14

Maps: USGS Frijoles Mountain 7.5 Minute Series (Appendix A, Maps 1 and 2)

Topography: Townsite Mesa

Nearest Drainage: Two Mile Canyon to the south

Elevation: 2261.6 meters (7420 feet)

Current Land Use: Developed TA-3

## **Project Description**

As an inactive structure and building, TA-3-156 and TA-3-163, are subject to the DOE mission statement. "The DOE environmental vision and mission are based on operating all facilities in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations and cleaning up inactive sites and facilities so that no unacceptable risk to the public or environment remains" (U. S. Department of Energy 1994).

LANL proposes to decontaminate and decommission (D&D) one structure and one building. Both are inactive properties and are on the excess space list. These properties are located in TA-3, South Mesa Site, and both were built during the early to middle Cold War years at Los Alamos. Structure TA-3-156, a cooling tower, and building TA-3-163, its associated pump house, were built between June 4, 1962, and April 15, 1963. The proposed D&D project activities include the removal of the concrete masonry unit building and the transite panel structure, foundations, and the capping off and removal of all associated utilities. As a result of the decommissioning phase, the properties will be completely demolished.

## Methods

In June 1999, an historic building evaluation was conducted for structure TA-3-156 and building TA-3-163 (Appendix A, Maps 1 and 2) by Kari L. M. Garcia and Alysia D. McLain, Environment, Safety, and Health Division, Ecology Group (ESH-20), LANL.

The historic building evaluations were accomplished by first conducting a field visit to TA-3. Both the structure and the building are abandoned support buildings for an abandoned large

laboratory facility at this TA. New Mexico Historic Building Inventory Forms were completed for both properties and photographs were taken (Appendix B). Records research at LANL was also carried out, and existing drawings were compiled for the buildings.

## **Culture History Overview**

## World War II and Early Cold War (1942-1956)

## A. Site Selection, Acquisition

In 1942, Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin Roosevelt warning him of a possible German atomic bomb threat (Rothman 1992). President Roosevelt, acting on Einstein's concerns, gave approval to develop the world's first atomic bomb and appointed Brigadier General Leslie Groves to head the "Manhattan Project." Groves, in turn, chose Robert Oppenheimer to coordinate the design of the bomb.

A single research facility, isolated and secret, was proposed. General Groves had several criteria: security, isolation, a good water supply, an adequate transportation network, a suitable climate, an available labor force, and a locale west of the Mississippi located "at least 200 miles from any international border or the West Coast" (Rothman 1992). Oppenheimer, who had visited the Pajarito Plateau on a horseback trip, suggested the Los Alamos Ranch School.

## B. Manhattan Project (1942–1945)

A suitable site selected, Oppenheimer and his staff moved to Los Alamos to begin work. The recruitment of the country's "best scientific talent" and the construction of technical buildings were top priorities. The University of California agreed to operate the site, code name "Project Y," under contract with the government (an arrangement that has continued to this day). Although the fission bomb was conceptually attainable, many difficulties still stood in the way of producing a usable weapon. Technical problems included the timing of the release of energy from fissionable material and the engineering aspects of producing a deliverable device. Nuclear material and high explosive (HE) studies were of immediate importance (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1995).

Two bomb designs appeared to be the most promising: a uranium "gun" method and a plutonium "implosion" method. The "gun" method bomb involved bringing fissionable material together to form a critical mass by firing one subcritical mass of uranium-235 at another. This method led to the development of the "Little Boy" device. Scientists were less confident about the second "implosion" method, a design that necessitated the compression of fissionable material using HE. The compression action would increase the density of a slightly subcritical mass of plutonium-239 and cause a critical reaction (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1995). In 1944, due to the uncertainties surrounding the second design, the search began for an appropriate test site for the implosion method, later used in the "Fat Man" device. The Alamogordo Bombing Range in south-central New Mexico was selected. A trial run involving 100 tons of TNT was

conducted at "Trinity Site" on May 7, 1945. This "dress rehearsal" provided measurement data and simulated the dispersal of radioactive products. The Trinity test was planned for July, and its objectives were "to characterize the nature of the implosion, measure the release of nuclear energy, and assess the damage" (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1995). The HE components of the "Trinity" device were test assembled in building TA-16-516 at Los Alamos in an area known as V-site. Other buildings at V-site were used to prepare and finish the HE components and to run preliminary tests on the "Trinity" bomb (Wilder 1991). The world's first atomic bomb was successfully detonated in the early morning of July 16, 1945. "Little Boy," the untested uranium gun-type bomb, was exploded over the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. "Fat Man" was exploded over Nagasaki three days later on August 9, 1945, thus essentially ending the war with Japan.

## C. Early Cold War Era (1946–1956)

The Manhattan Project had come to a close with the end of World War II (WWII), and many Los Alamos scientists and site workers went back to their prewar existences. The future of Los Alamos was in question. With the beginning of the Cold War, continued weapons research was a top priority. Norris Bradbury had been appointed director of the Laboratory following Oppenheimer's departure from Los Alamos. Bradbury felt that the nation needed "a laboratory for research into military applications of nuclear energy" (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993a). In 1945, stockpiling and development of additional atomic weapons was an important mission. In 1946, the Laboratory became involved in the technical direction of the atmospheric testing program in the Pacific, dubbed "Operation Crossroads." Later in 1946, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was established to act as a civilian steward for the new atomic technology born of WWII. The AEC formally took over the Laboratory in 1947, making a commitment to retain Los Alamos as a permanent weapons research facility. Postwar weapons research revolved around the development of advanced fission weapons and, acting on an idea born in 1942, the development of the hydrogen bomb. The combined work of Edward Teller and Stanislaw Ulam led to the beginning of the Laboratory's thermonuclear research program (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993a).

In 1952, the first thermonuclear device, known as "Mike," was detonated at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993a). The Mike shot used liquefied deuterium fuel. The Castle-Bravo shot, conducted in the Pacific in 1954, was revolutionary in that it contained dry, solid thermonuclear fuel. Other early Cold War weapons-related developments include: (1) from 1952 to 1956, "improvements to the primary stage of a nuclear weapon" and (2) in 1956, "the first use of plastic-bonded explosives in a nuclear explosion" (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1995).

### Technical Area 3 (South Mesa) Historical Background

TA-3, South Mesa Site, is a large developed technical area. It contains the Laboratory's main administration buildings, library, cafeteria, shops, several large laboratories for a wide variety of

research and development activities, warehouses, electrical generating plant, sewage treatment plant, and numerous other permanent and temporary buildings, transportable trailers, and transportainers.

TA-3 was originally built as a firing site prior to 1945, containing wooden buildings for administration, a shop, magazines, and fiberboard buildings for storage, minor assembly, and checkout of scientific hardware. There was also a burn pit for destroying explosives. This original TA-3 site was decommissioned and cleared in 1949 (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993b).

Construction began in 1950 at the South Mesa site on the main buildings that were to replace the operational facilities in the current Los Alamos town site. The first buildings, including the Van de Graaff accelerator, laboratory, and support buildings; the communications building; the large chemistry and metallurgy laboratory, the site of critical chemistry and metallurgy supporting the Laboratory's weapons program; warehouses for general supplies and chemicals; shops; a fire station; and a large physics laboratory and office building became operational between mid-1951 and late-1952.

The Van de Graaff accelerator building at one time housed the world's highest voltage Van de Graaff accelerator (Hawkins et al. 1983, Los Alamos National Laboratory 1995). The chemistry and metallurgy laboratory conducts "operations involving plutonium, uranium, other radionuclides, metals, inorganic and organic compounds, acids, and solvents of every nature." The physics building at one time "housed two accelerators and a cyclotron" (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993b:2-5). Radioactive materials including plutonium, uranium, and tritium, and metals and solvents have been used in the building over the years. To serve these facilities, a gas-fired electrical generating plant, a waste-water treatment plant, a service station, and maintenance garage were also constructed.

A second stage of construction at TA-3 occurred during the mid- to late-1950s. Several major buildings were completed during these years, including the Administration Building which houses offices, laboratories, shop, and photographic facilities, the Sigma Building that houses facilities for metallurgical and ceramics research and fabrication (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993b), and the Sherwood Building that housed research facilities for LANL's controlled thermonuclear research program.

The structure (TA-3-156) and building (TA-3-163) discussed in this report are abandoned support structures for the Sherwood Building, which is also non functioning and scheduled for D&D work at a later time and will be discussed in detail in a separate report.

New facilities continued to be built during the 1960s and 1970s including office buildings, storage areas, shops, an addition to the waste-water treatment plant, a cement batch plant, and numerous transportable buildings. In the late 1960s to early 1970s the Scyllac Building was constructed for additional space for the controlled thermonuclear research program. In 1977 the Oppenheimer Study Center was constructed; in 1981 an addition to the Administration Building was constructed, and in the early 1990s a computer facility and several national centers for various scientific research activities were constructed (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993b).

## **Description of Buildings**

One structure and one building, TA-3-156 and TA-3-163, are proposed for demolition. Appendix A contains maps showing the locations of the properties proposed for demolition. Appendix B contains the Historic Building Inventory Forms, plan drawings, and photographs.

## TA-3-156 Cooling Tower

Building Name: TA-3-156 Original Name: South Mesa-156 (SM-156)

Location:

City - Los Alamos, New Mexico

County - Los Alamos

<u>UTMs</u> - Zone 13 Easting 380399 Northing 3970629

Legal Description - Township 19 North, Range 6 East, Section 17

Surroundings - TA-3 is the Laboratory's administrative area, additionally there are also large laboratory research buildings located within this TA. It is a large developed technical area consisting of many permanent and temporary buildings of various construction styles and material types. Buildings include laboratories, office buildings, maintenance shops, medical facilities, and utilities.

Relationship to surroundings – Not similar.

Construction Date: 6/4/62 to 4/15/63

Original Use: Structure TA-3-156 was a cooling tower for the Sherwood Building, which is a large abandoned laboratory building used for controlled thermonuclear research. The cooling tower was a support structure for the daily operation and maintenance of the Sherwood Building.

Use History: Structure TA-3-156 has always served as a cooling tower for the Sherwood Building. It was part of the facilities drain plan.

Use at Time of Survey: The cooling tower TA-3-156 is abandoned and for the most part the Sherwood Building, which the cooling tower supported, is also abandoned and not in use. A small portion of the Sherwood Building that connects to the Administration Building is still occupied by Laboratory security personnel.

Condition at Time of Survey: Fair condition

Building Description: (see also Appendix B)

<u>Building style</u> – TA-3-156 is constructed of transite panels and louvers (asbestos containing material) on a reinforced concrete base with a flat open roof.

Foundation material - Reinforced concrete slab

Wall material/surface - Lower portion of walls are reinforced concrete and the upper portion are transite panels and louvers.

Architectural features - The cooling tower is an approximate 528-ft² rectangular structure situated on a reinforced concrete base. The reinforced concrete base contains a sump that has a slight slope. There are transite panels on all sides of the structure and transite louvers on two sides. Inside the structure there are two "V" shaped veins constructed of 2-in.wide horizontal wood strips connected together on a wood frame. The structure does not have a conventional roof, but there is a guardrail around the top of the structure and metal gratings covering the interior of the structure.

> Both the north and south elevations are completely transite panels. The south side has numerous pipes that connect the cooling tower to the pump house. The north elevation has a small door constructed of the same transite material that was used for servicing the interior equipment of the cooling tower. Also on the north elevation are the supports for the ladder that would have been for accessing the interior portion of the structure from the top, and there is also a gap in the guardrail where the ladder would have been positioned.

> On both the east and west elevations there are transite louvers above the row of transite panels that runs around the structure on all four elevations and are situated directly above the concrete base.

Remodeling History: During 1990 Los Alamos' CTR Division, which was conducting research on "Z" and "Theta Pinch" fusion technology, was disbanded and the Sherwood Building was vacated. Congress had reduced funding for all other branches of fusion research as an alternative energy source except for research on "Tokamak" technology. Sometime after the Sherwood Building was vacated the cooling tower and pump house were also taken out of service and abandoned. It is assumed that the ladder that would have been attached to the north elevation was removed for safety reasons.

Associated Buildings: TA-3-163 (the connected pump house) and TA-3-105 (the Sherwood

Building) the laboratory research facility that the cooling tower and pump

house served.

District Potential: None. This TA is the administrative area of the Laboratory. It is a conglomeration of a wide variety of permanent and temporary buildings of many different construction styles built throughout the late 1940s to the present. There are many facilities and Divisions with many different research thrusts, as well as this area being where the Laboratory's maintenance contractor and the Laboratory's administrative offices are.

Contamination Information: There is no record of any contamination existing within this structure other than the asbestos transite panels and louvers that it is constructed with.

## TA-3-163 Pump House

Building Name: TA-3-163, Original Name: South Mesa-163 (SM-163)

Location:

City - Los Alamos, New Mexico

County - Los Alamos

UTMs - Zone 13 Easting 380399 Northing 3970621

Legal Description - Township 19 North, Range 6 East, Section 17

Surroundings - TA-3 is the Laboratory's administrative area, additionally there are also large laboratory research buildings located within this TA. It is a large developed technical area consisting of many permanent and temporary buildings of various construction styles and material types. Buildings include laboratories, office buildings, maintenance shops, medical facilities, and utilities.

Relationship to surroundings - Not similar

Construction Date: 6/4/64 to 4/15/63

Original Use: Building TA-3-163 was a pump house associated with the cooling tower (TA-3-156) for the Sherwood Building, which is a large abandoned laboratory building used for controlled thermonuclear research. The pump house was a support building for the daily operation and maintenance of the Sherwood Building.

Use History: TA-3-163 has always served as the pump house for the Sherwood Building. It was part of the facilities drain plan.

Use at Time of Survey: TA-3-163 is currently abandoned and for the most part the building it supported, the Sherwood Building, is also abandoned and not in use. A

small portion of the Sherwood Building that connects to the Administration Building is still occupied by Laboratory security personnel.

Condition at Time of Survey: Fair condition

Building Description: (See also Appendix B)

Building style - Small concrete masonry unit building with a flat roof

Foundation material - Concrete slab and footings

<u>Wall material/surface</u> – Concrete masonry units (pumice concrete blocks). The exterior walls are painted to seal the structure.

Architectural features - Building TA-3-163 is a small, 324-ft<sup>2</sup> concrete pump house with a flat roof. The roof is a three ply built up roof with a roof vent along the south side. There is galvanized metal flashing around the edge of the roof.

The north elevation faces and is connected by pipes to TA-3-156, the cooling tower. There also is a small louver on the northwest portion of the wall.

On the west elevation there is a window with nine individual glass panes.

The south elevation is devoid of windows, doors, or any defining features.

The building contains pumps, compressors, and other equipment related to the operation of the cooling tower.

Remodeling History: The 1962 engineering drawings show that there is a louver located on the south elevation of the building, however, the entire south elevation is devoid of any features.

During 1990 Los Alamos' CTR Division, which was conducting research on "Z" and "Theta Pinch" fusion technology, was disbanded and the Sherwood Building was vacated. Congress had reduced funding for all other branches of fusion research as an alternative energy source except for research on "Tokamak" technology. Sometime after the Sherwood Building was vacated the cooling tower and pump house were also taken out of service and abandoned.

Associated Buildings: TA-3-156 (the connected cooling tower) and TA-3-105 (the Sherwood Building) the laboratory research facility that the pump house and cooling tower served.

District Potential: None. This TA is the administrative area of the Laboratory. It is a conglomeration of a wide variety of permanent and temporary buildings of many different construction styles built throughout the late 1940s to the present. There are many facilities and Divisions with many different research thrusts, as well as this area being where the Laboratory's maintenance contractor and the Laboratory's administrative offices are.

Contamination Information: There is no record of any contamination existing within this structure other than the asbestos insulation that is around some of the equipment.

## **National Register Eligibility Determination**

Based on the information gathered during this building survey, properties TA-3-156, a cooling tower, and TA-3-163, a pump house, are not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The one structure and one building are ancillary support properties to the daily operations of a large research facility, are less than fifty years old, and lack any qualities to be considered eligible for the National Register.

Currently both properties are abandoned and no future use is designated for these properties; or for the large laboratory facility they are associated with, which is also scheduled for D&D sometime in the future. Because of this these properties are on the Laboratory's surplus space list and are currently scheduled for D&D this fiscal year.

## **Proposed Treatment of Effects**

The proposed D&D activities at TA-3 will result in the destruction of structure TA-3-156 and building TA-3-163. Neither property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Even though the two support properties are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places they were built during the middle Cold War years at Los Alamos, therefore the following documentation of the properties has been included in this report (New Mexico Historic Building Inventory Forms, building plan drawings, and photographs).

## Recommendations

As stated above, both properties (TA-3-156 and TA-3-163) proposed for demolition are not considered significant historic properties based on their status as solely support properties for a large Laboratory research facility. Therefore, they are not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO is requested to concur with this determination and our assessment of "no effect" for this undertaking.

As a result of this historic building survey, this project complies with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended).

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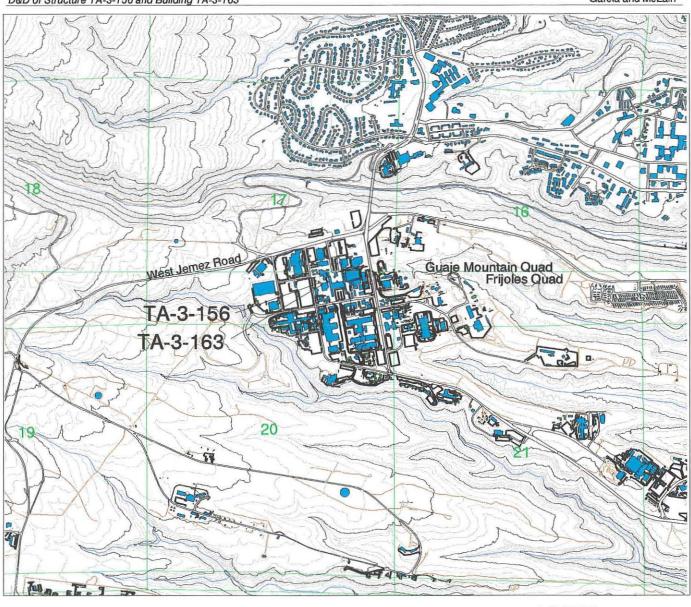
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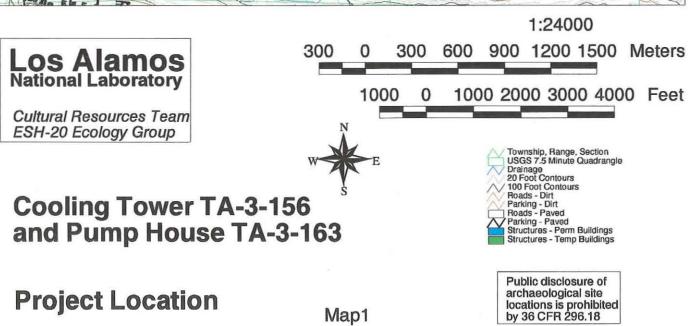
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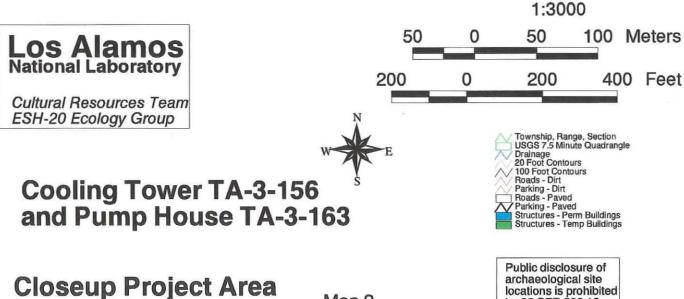
## **APPENDIX A**

Maps









Map 2

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## **APPENDIX B**

# **Historic Building Inventory Forms**

## NEW MEXICO HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY FORM

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Photos and plan drawings are on following pages cont.:

ENG-C 27072 (sheet 4 of 20) Sherwood Cooling Tower Architectural Sections & Details March 27, 1962

ENG-AB 61 (sheet 1 of 2)
As-Built Facility Drain Plan Cooling
Tower and Pump House
Civil: Site Plan, Storm Drain, &
Sanitary Sewer System
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ENG-AB 61 (sheet 2 of 2)
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Mechanical: Storm Drain and
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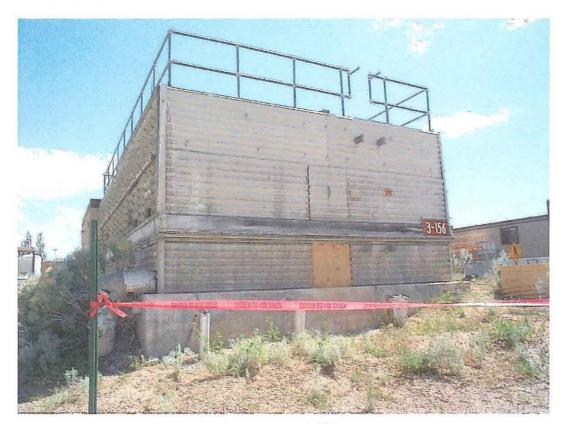
Size: Approximate 528 ft<sup>2</sup>

Architectural features: The cooling tower is an approximate 528-ft<sup>2</sup> rectangular structure situated on a reinforced concrete base. The reinforced concrete base contains a sump that has a slight slope. There are transite panels on all sides of the structure and transite louvers on two sides. Inside the structure there are two "V" shaped veins constructed of 2 in. wide horizontal wood strips connected together on a wood frame. The structure does not have a conventional roof, but there is a guardrail around the top of the structure and metal gratings covering the interior of the structure.

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TA-3-156 North Side



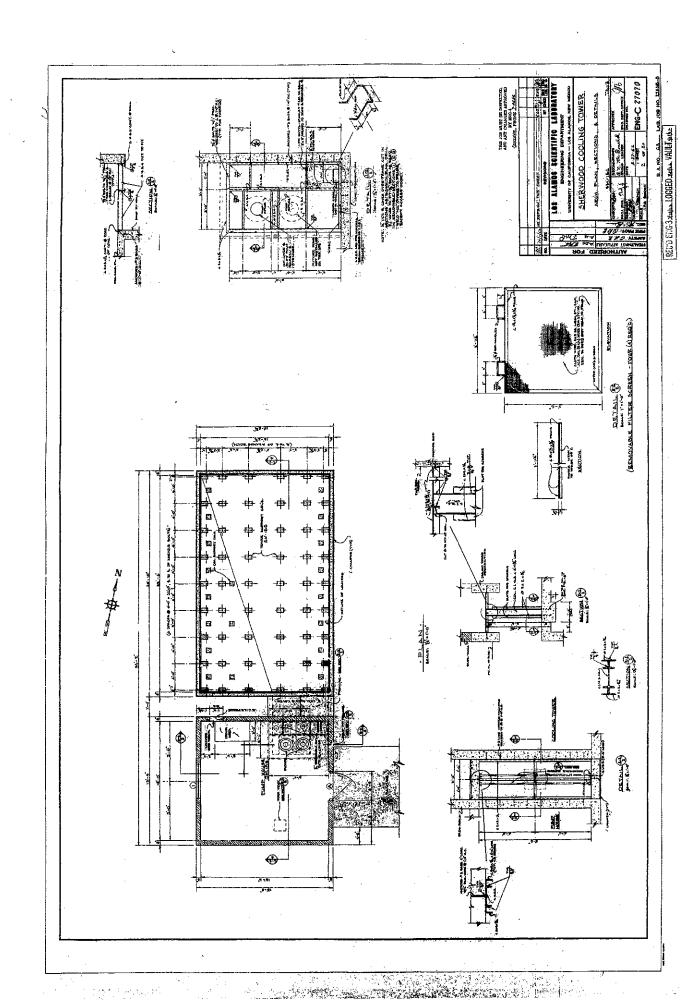
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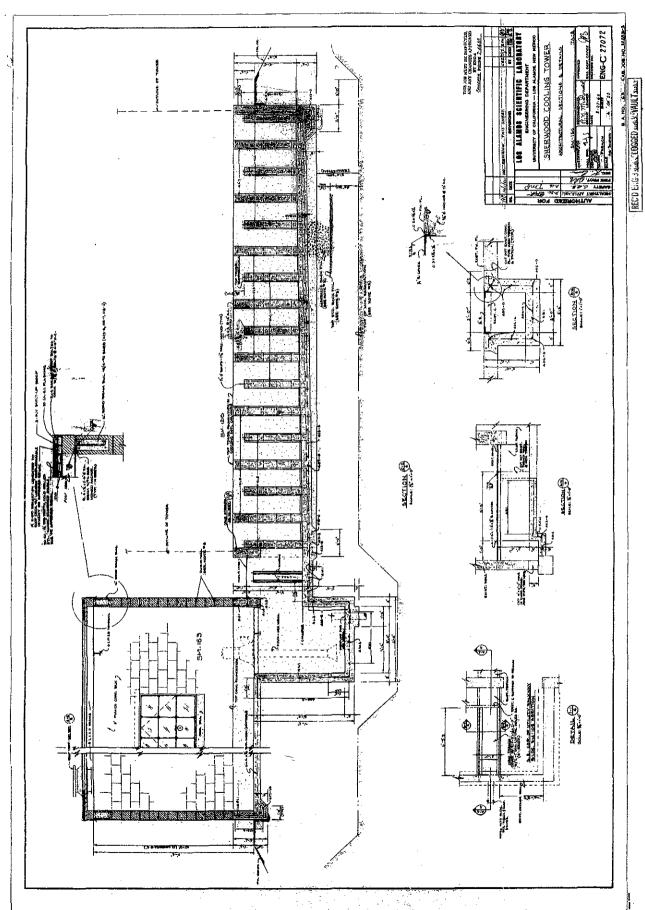


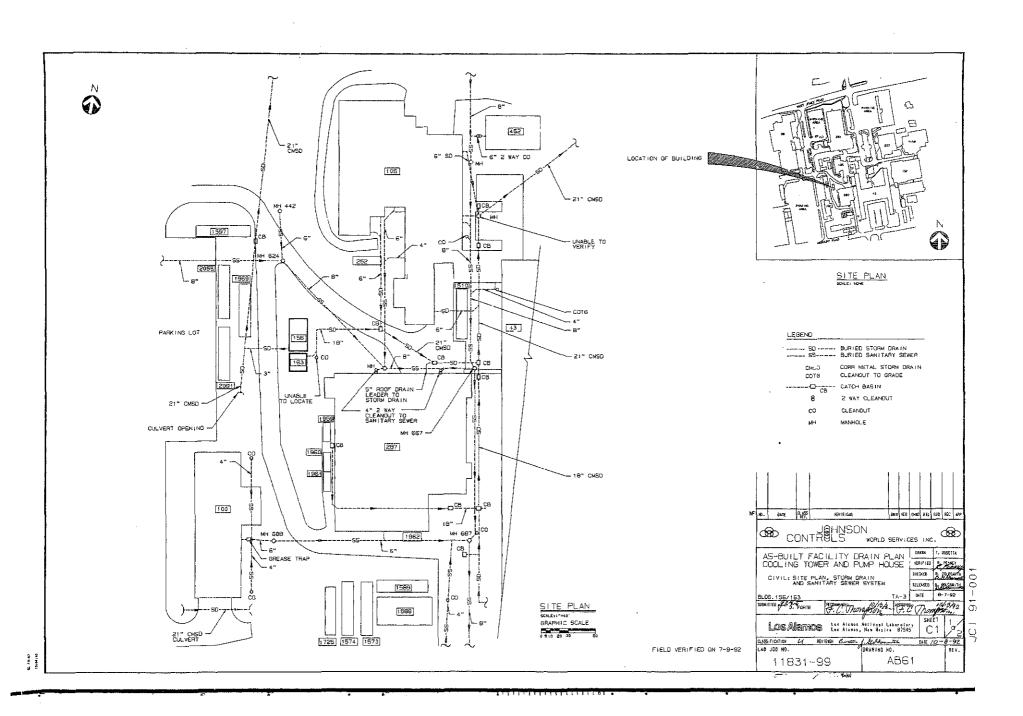
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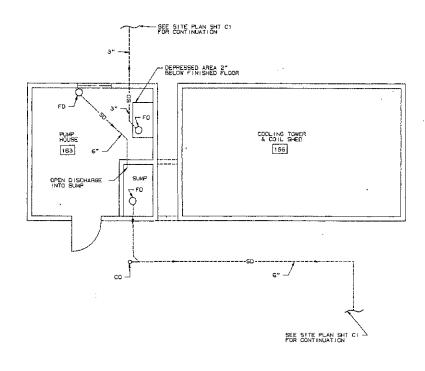
TA-3-163 North Side and TA-3-156 South Side







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#### NEW MEXICO HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY FORM

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Photos and plan drawings are on the following pages: cont.:

ENG-C 27073 (sheet 5 of 20) Sherwood Cooling Tower Roof Framing Plan, Sections & Details March 27, 1962

ENG-C 34166 (sheet 1) Cooling Water System Instrumentation May 11, 1966

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Size: Approximately 324-ft<sup>2</sup>

Architectural features: Building TA-3-163 is a small, 324-ft<sup>2</sup> concrete pump house with a flat roof. The roof is a three-ply built up roof with a roof vent along the south side. There is galvanized metal flashing around the edge of the roof.

The north elevation faces and is connected by pipes to TA-3-156, the cooling tower. There also is a small louver on the northwest portion of the wall.

On the west elevation there is a window with nine individual glass panes.

The south elevation is devoid of windows, doors, or any defining features.

The building contains pumps, compressors, and other equipment related to the operation of the cooling tower.

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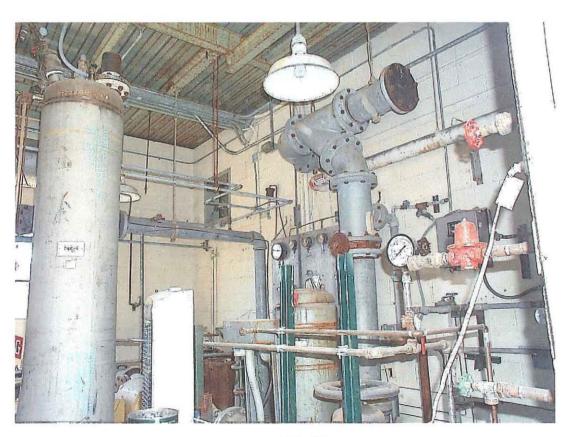
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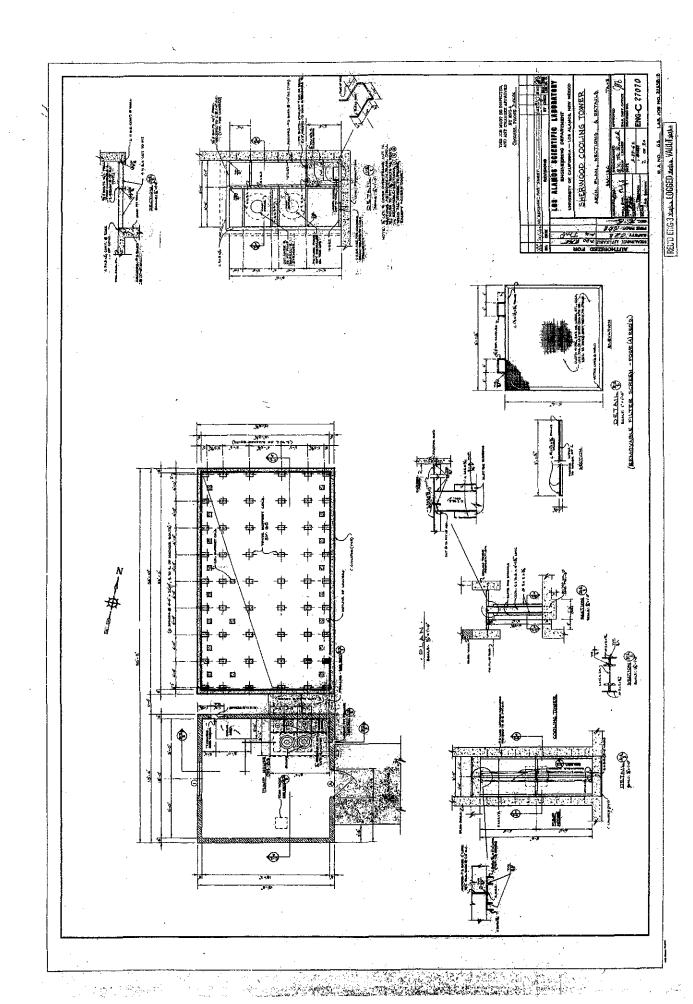
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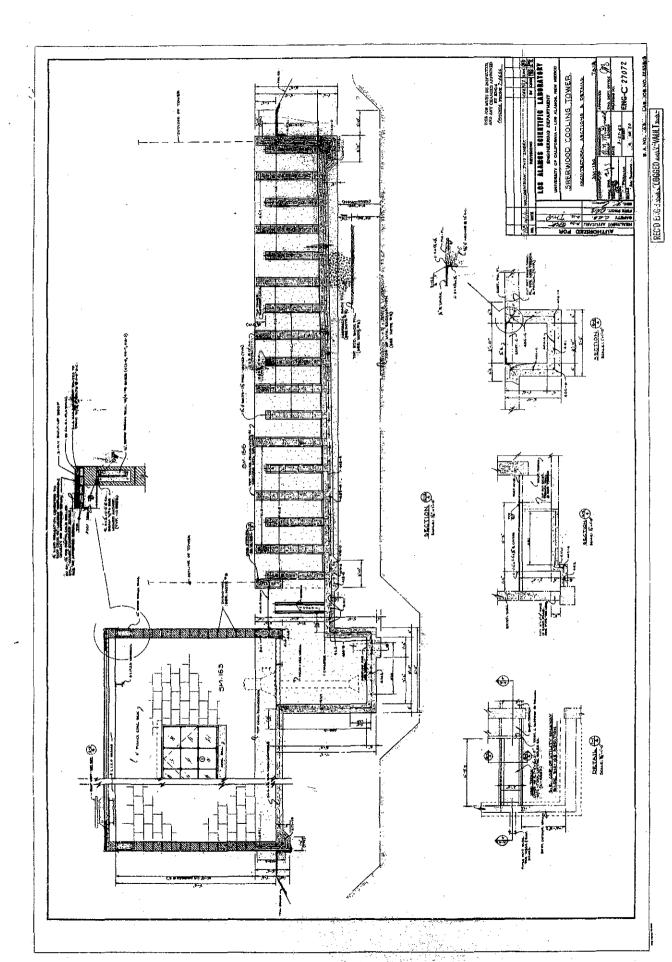


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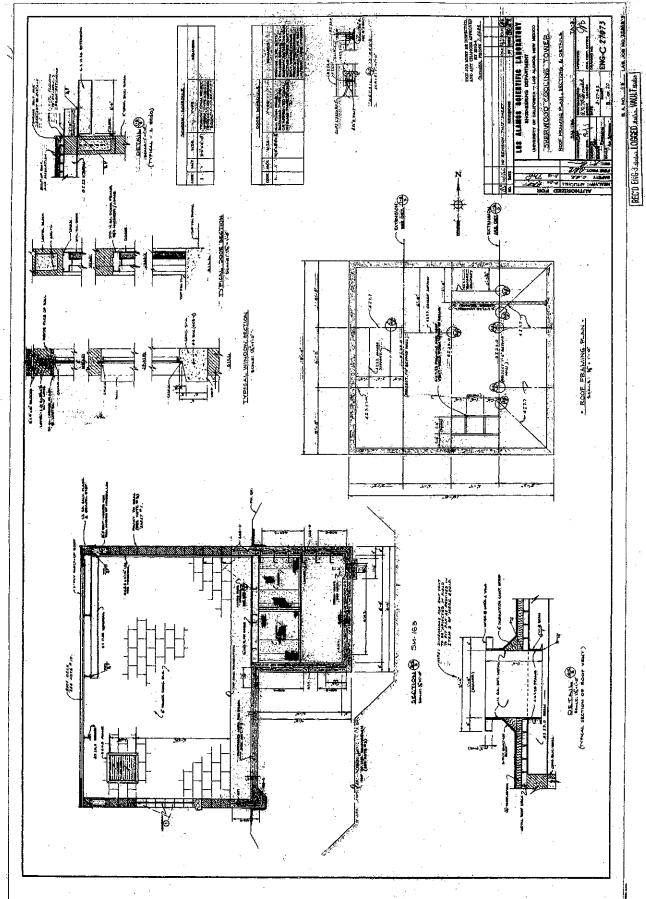


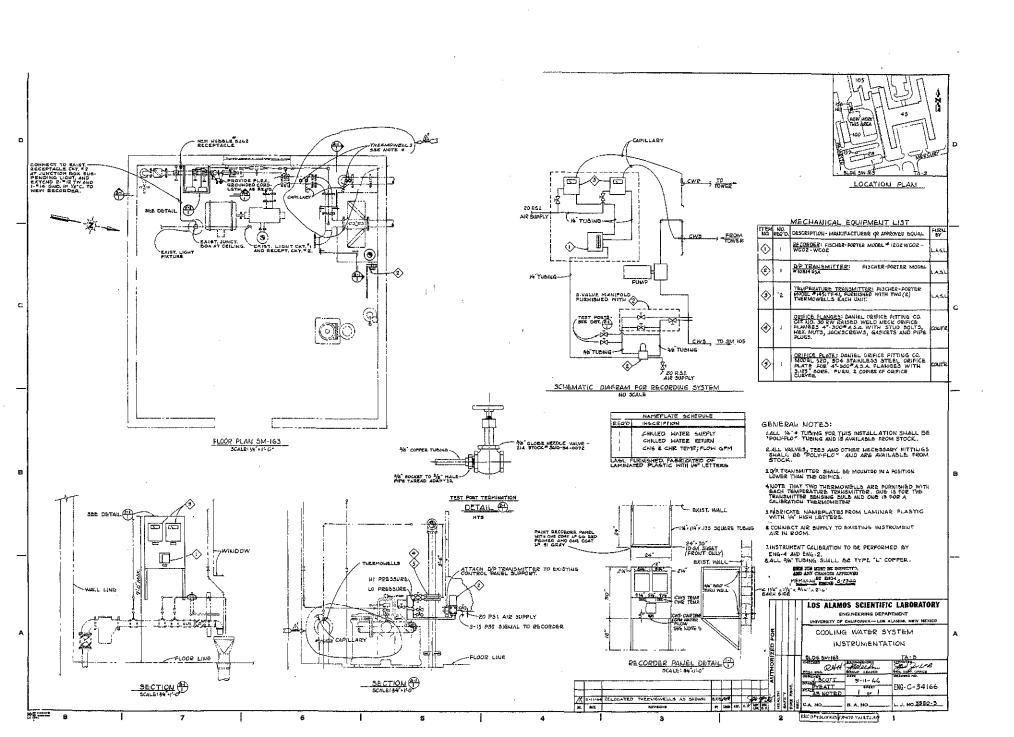
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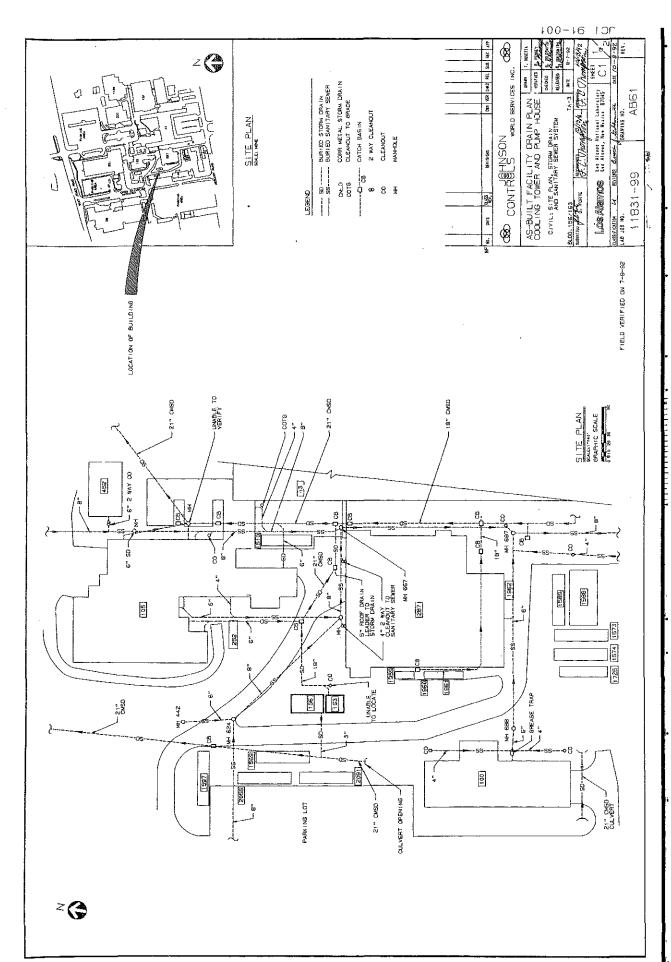




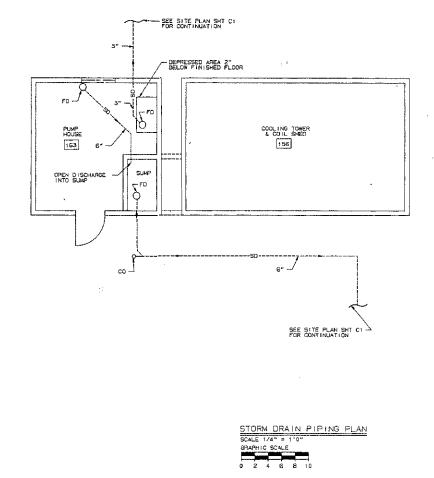
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