Decontamination and Decommissioning of Buildings 1, 2, and 40 at Technical Area 33

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Introduction

The following information has been prepared as part of a notification of potential adverse effect to three historic Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) properties located on Department of Energy land at Technical Area (TA) 33: TA-33-1, TA-33-2, and TA-33-40. The proposed decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) action is part of LANL's routine phasing out of aging and vacant buildings and will result in the demolition of all three properties. The D&D activities will adversely affect the attributes that make these buildings eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. Work processes carried out at TA-33 supported Cold War weapon component testing activities from 1948 to 1972. TA-33-1 (laboratory and office) and TA-33-2 (shop and laboratory) were built from 1947 to 1948 and are located in "Area 6" of TA-33. TA-33-40 (the Saw Building) was built in 1951 in the "Main Site" area.

This report is intended to provide the background information necessary to initiate the Section 106 consultation process; additional documentation will follow when a treatment plan is developed and final mitigation measures are determined. This report contains a description of the proposed action, historical background information, property descriptions, building integrity and contamination information, and recommendations for National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Maps are contained in Appendix A and New Mexico Historic Building Survey Forms, photographs, and building drawings are contained in Appendix B.

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is requested to concur with the eligibility determinations contained in this report and to concur that the proposed D&D action will adversely affect buildings TA-33-1, TA-33-2, and TA-33-40.

Project Description

The three buildings are excess LANL property and are scheduled for clean up and eventual demolition. As part of the Department of Energy's mission statement, LANL is responsible for "... cleaning up inactive sites and facilities so that no unacceptable risk to the public or environment remains" (U.S. Department of Energy 1994). The removal of these buildings will be a continuation of LANL's D&D efforts and will also minimize the threat of wildfire by reducing the volume of potentially combustible material at TA-33. Associated utilities will also be removed during the D&D activities.

In July 2001, a historic building survey was conducted by Ken Towery, Ares Corporation; John Ronquillo, Sigma Science Inc.; and Alysia McLain, Kari Garcia, and Ellen McGehee, Environment, Safety, and Health Division, Ecology Group (ESH-20), LANL. The building survey was accomplished by first conducting a field visit to TA-33. New Mexico Historic Building Survey Forms were completed and photographs were taken (Appendix B). Records research at LANL was also carried out, and existing drawings were compiled for the buildings (Appendix B).

Historical Background

TA-33 (General Site Information)

TA-33, or Hot Point (HP) Site, was initially developed in 1947 for the Laboratory's weapons testing group, M-3, as a substitute test site for experiments that were being conducted at Trinity Site in southern New Mexico. These tests used conventional high explosives as well as uranium, beryllium, and polonium radiation sources. Experiments were conducted primarily to verify designs of nuclear weapons components called initiators and were performed in underground chambers and on surface firing pads. Additional tests were carried out at firing sites equipped with large guns that fired projectiles into earthen berms. This testing ended at TA-33 by 1972. Building TA-33-86, a high-pressure tritium facility, was in operation at TA-33 from 1955 until 1990. In later years, much of this area was obtained for offices, laboratories, and storage space for the Hot Dry Rock experiments being conducted at the Fenton Hill site in the Jemez Mountains and for the International Technologies Group, which engages in electronics design and fabrication (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992).

Early History - Initiator Testing Group

In 1945, Group M-3 (later W-3) was formed under the leadership of D.P. McMillan to study weapons initiators. An initiator is a device used in nuclear weapons that supplies a source of neutrons that will quickly enhance the chain reaction at exactly the right moment (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1993). Basic initiator designs had already been developed during the war years at Los Alamos. Post-World War II (WWII) work related to refinements of design and to the specific study of the timing of initiators. From 1945 to 1947 a variety of development and testing locations were used by Group M-3, including Sandia Canyon (formerly TA-20), TA-21 (DP East), P-Site (now part of TA-16), and the Trinity Site near Alamogordo, New Mexico. In November of 1947, a site visit was made to the proposed area for a local initiator test site. In early 1948, TA-33 was "accepted" for start up and the first phase of construction at Area 6 was completed. Area 1 (present day East Site) was also operational (Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives).

Area 1/East Site

East Site (formerly known as Area 1) is a firing site located at the easternmost point of a mesa overlooking White Rock Canyon of the Rio Grande (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992). After the end of WWII, two bomb designs were being developed for use in the United States stockpile: a plutonium "implosion" device and a uranium "gun-type" device. The implosion design used shaped high explosives to compress a subcritical mass of plutonium-239. The symmetrical compression would increase the density of the fissionable material and cause a critical reaction (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1995). Area 1 was an early test site used to conduct underground tests on implosion-type initiators. The tests were designed to be one-time events and a new pit facility was to be dug for each test. Typically, an octagonal pit structure and its associated entrance shaft would be constructed underground. Neutron counters and the initiator experimental apparatus would be placed in the reinforced concrete pit, or "chamber," and electronic cables would be routed from the pit structure to a distant control room. A portable

elevator building would be placed over the shaft until just before the test was ready to be run. Completed test data were received by instrumentation in the control room in TA-33-1 via the electronic cables (Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives). Buildings TA-33-1 and TA-33-2 were originally designed to be portable so that they could be moved to a new location at the completion of each underground test. These buildings were built on skids along with buildings TA-33-3 (Elevator Building) and TA-33-5 (Guard House). At East Site, the construction of Chamber #1 (original HP-4) was completed January 21, 1948, and tested April 14, 1948 (Figure 1). Another underground chamber (Chamber #2) was completed October 8, 1948, and tested in December of the same year. This area was reactivated for the testing of gun-type initiators in 1955 (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992; Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives).

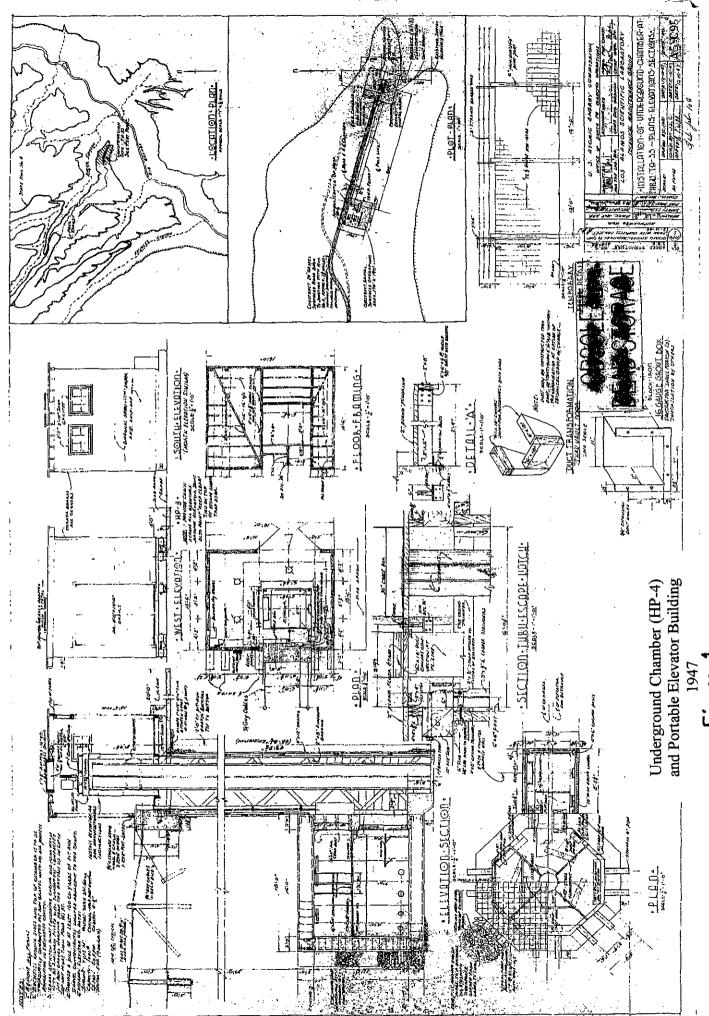
Area 6

Area 6 was developed in 1948 for initiator experiments and work focused on the testing of initiators used in gun devices. The gun device was conceptually simple and involved shooting one subcritical mass of uranium-235 into another at sufficient speed to avoid pre-detonation. Together, the two subcritical masses form a supercritical mass that releases a tremendous amount of nuclear energy (Hoddeson *et al.* 1997).

Area 6 was an active firing site with two firing areas. One was located near TA-33-16, a steel "Butler" building. This firing area consisted of a concrete shot pad where a large-bore gun was mounted. Projectiles were fired at targets placed in front of barricades or shot into catcher boxes built of timbers and filled with soil, wood chips, and vermiculite. Projectiles fired into catcher boxes were recovered and sectioned. Compressed air or high explosives were used to fire the guns. The second firing area was located 100 ft southwest of TA-16-33 and consisted of a shot pad and two wooden barricades (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992). Figure 2 shows the remains of this firing area.

TA-33-1 and TA-33-2 were moved to Area 6 in late 1948 or early 1949 to support the Elsie Program (a gun-type device). TA-33-16, formerly building 6, was completed in March of 1949 and originally housed an air gun. At this time, the program to test implosion initiators moved from Area 1 to South Site, another firing site at TA-33. Both types of initiator testing continued at Area 6 and South Site during the 1950s. At Area 6, TA-33-1 was used as an office and laboratory space before the Main Site administrative center at TA-33 was fully developed. TA-33-2 was used as shop, warehouse, and laboratory (Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives).

In 1951, Area 6 was renovated to support another experimental program. Priorities included constructing another gun area and a saw building. A second phase was to remodel the old Butler building at Area 6 (TA-33-16) and add electronic control room equipment (Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives). This new phase of construction in the general area of Area 6 included the construction of TA-33-19, TA-33-20, and TA-33-40 (the Saw Building) and led to the development of Main Site. Work at Area 6 diminished in importance as additional gun program testing was carried out at East Site (old Area 1) in the mid-1950s. By 1955, shots were discontinued at Area 6. In 1956, TA-33-16 was being used to make and machine laminating material. TA-33-1 housed experiments to make niobate crystals, and TA-33-2 was being used as a shop (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992).



Figure



Figure 2. Shot Pad (foreground), Barricades, and TA-33-16 (background)

Main Site

The buildings at Main Site were constructed over a 13-year period (1949 to 1962) and, ultimately, Main Site became the administrative center for TA-33. Key facilities include TA-33-19 (Office and Laboratory Building), TA-33-20 (Warehouse Building), TA-33-39 (Shop Building), TA-33-86 (Gas Handling Facility), and TA-33-114 (Office and Laboratory Building). Construction styles vary widely from a metal Quonset hut to cinder block buildings, reinforced concrete buildings, and other metal and wood buildings.

TA-33-40, built at Main Site in 1951, was used to saw open experimental casings related to initiator research and development. The use of the slit saw was critical in determining the results of the various initiator tests. In 1953, TA-33-40 was moved to its present location to make room for a new facility. This new Gas Handling Facility (TA-33-86) was completed in 1955, the same year that D.P. McMillan, W-3's original group leader, left the initiator testing group to pursue other research at Los Alamos. He was replaced by J.E. Dougherty (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992; Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives).

Property Descriptions

(Complete architectural descriptions are contained in the historic building survey forms located in Appendix B.)

Building Identification and Numbering

The buildings discussed in this report are identified using the current LANL system of placing the TA prefix before each building number. Historically, however, the "HP" prefix (for Hot Point Site) was used before each building number and some of the drawings included in this report may use the old system of building identification. For example, TA-33-40 is the same building as HP-40.

Originally, buildings and structures at TA-33 were numbered in the order of their construction. At some point, the buildings were renumbered. Buildings HP-1 and HP-2 at Area 6 retained their original numbers (TA-33-1 and TA-33-2) but building 6 at Area 6 became TA-33-16. Buildings 1 and 2 at Main Site were renumbered TA-33-19 and TA-33-20. There was some confusion about this latter renumbering because both TA-33-1 and the new TA-33-19 (formerly building 1) are both laboratory buildings. Additionally, TA-33-2 and the new TA-33-20 (formerly building 2) are both warehouses. Careful scrutiny of the drawings, area maps, and records helped to clarify this confusing situation. For example, TA-33-19 is much larger and more complex in layout than TA-33-1.

Buildings TA-33-1 and TA-33-2

TA-33-1 and TA-33-2 were both constructed by R.E. McKee between December 12, 1947, and January 21, 1948, and are primarily associated with initiator testing at Area 6. However, they were originally constructed for use at Area 1 (now East Site) and were moved to their present site at Area 6 sometime between July of 1948 and January of 1949 (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992; Los Alamos National Laboratory Drawings A5-C162 and ENG4-R45). The relocation of these two buildings from East Site corresponds to the completion of an underground initiator test at Chamber #2 in late 1948.

TA-33-1 (HP-1), Portable Laboratory and Office Building

TA-33-1 was originally designed as a laboratory and office space. This small building (450 gross ft²) is of wood frame construction, has a pitched roof, and has painted wood siding on its exterior. The roof is composed of rolled asphalt over wood framing and is in an advanced state of deterioration. The building was designed to be portable and sits on wooden skids. A laboratory sink and workbench are the only notable equipment remaining in the building. Overall, TA-33-1 is in fair condition although it is suffering from the effects of time and from exposure to the elements.

TA-33-1 was used at Area 6 as an office and laboratory building in support of the initiator testing program until 1955 when gun testing programs were moved to East Site. TA-33-1 was used after 1955 for the production of niobate crystals. It is likely that active work in this building

ceased before the end of the initiator testing program in 1972. TA-33-1 is currently empty and was last used for general storage.

TA-33-2 (HP-2), Portable Warehouse Building

TA-33-2 was originally designed to be a portable warehouse. Over the years, it also was used as a shop and laboratory space in support of TA-33's initiator testing program. TA-33-2 is a one-story building and is approximately 450 gross ft² in size. Like TA-33-1, it is of wood frame construction, sits on wooden skids, has a pitched roof, and has painted wood siding on its exterior. The roof is composed of rolled asphalt over wood framing and is in fair condition. The exterior of the building is deteriorating and is generally in poor condition.

After 1955, when testing activities moved to East Site, TA-33-2 continued to be used in its capacity as a shop. As was the case with building TA-33-1, active work in this building was probably discontinued before the end of the initiator testing program. It was last used for general storage.

TA-33-40 (HP-40), Saw Building

TA-33-40 was built by the Zia Company between February 12, 1951, and March 23, 1951. It is a windowless, one-story building of approximately 335 gross ft². TA-33-40 is of wood frame construction and has a slightly pitched, shed-type roof. The building was constructed at Main Site to house saw operations previously being conducted in building TA-33-16 at Area 6 (Los Alamos National Laboratory Engineering Documents Lab Job #755).

TA-33-40 originally housed a 24" saw with self-contained coolant. This slit saw was used to open steel and uranium (both depleted and natural) projectiles containing polonium and beryllium after they were retrieved from initiator experiments (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992). In 1953, TA-33-40 was relocated northeast of building TA-33-39 at Main Site to make room for the Gas Handling Facility, TA-33-86. Heating, plumbing, and electrical alterations, including room exhaust modifications were made to accommodate the relocation. At its new location, a sand bag barricade was situated approximately 4 feet from the building around the east, north, and west elevations (Los Alamos National Laboratory Drawing ENG-C2956). This barricade was constructed to shield a nearby road from possible shrapnel (Los Alamos National Laboratory Engineering Documents Lab Job # 1362). TA-33-40 continued to be used as a saw building at its new location until 1972 when W-3 operations ended. The building was last used as a general storage area.

Integrity Issues, Moved Properties, and Potential for Contamination

Integrity

The LANL Cultural Resources Management Team has developed four integrity codes to assess potentially eligible properties. The integrity requirements for properties eligible under Criterion A are less stringent than for those properties eligible under Criterion C. A historically significant property with a level 3 integrity could still be eligible, especially if an element of historical

uniqueness is involved. Properties eligible under Criterion C should have no lower than a level 2 integrity. Level 4 integrity properties are not eligible for the Register.

- 1. Excellent Integrity the property is still closely associated with its primary context and retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association. Little or no remodeling has occurred to the property and all remodeling is in keeping with its associated historic context/significant use period.
- 2. Good Integrity the property's interior and exterior retain historic feeling and character but most of the original equipment may be gone. The property may have had minor remodeling.
- 3. Fair Integrity a property in this category should retain original location, setting, association, and exterior design. All associated interior machinery/equipment may be absent but the essential question is "Is this property still recognizable to a contemporary of the building's historic period?"
- 4. Poor Integrity the property has no connection with the historically significant setting, feeling, and context. Major changes to the property have occurred. The property would be unrecognizable to a contemporary.

Based on the initial field visits, it appears that most of the original equipment has been removed from the three buildings discussed in this report. Other than this loss of interior integrity, the buildings and structures have not been significantly modified since their period of significance. TA-33-1, TA-33-2, and TA-33-40 are all in fair physical condition with some deterioration due to the passage of time and lack of upkeep. The buildings retain original location, setting, association, and exterior design and would be recognizable to someone who worked at TA-33 between 1948 and 1972. These three buildings have level 3 integrity.

Moved Properties

Buildings TA-33-1 and TA-33-2 were designed to be portable and were moved from their original locations at East Site to their present locations. Additionally, it is likely that they were moved at least once while at East Site in conjunction with the construction and use of the second underground test at Chamber #2. At Main Site, building TA-33-40 was moved in order to accommodate the construction of the Gas Handling Facility, TA-33-86. None of the Saw Building's original functions were affected by this move and it continued to operate at Main Site until the end of TA-33's initiator testing program in 1972. The fact that all three buildings were moved has no bearing on their eligibility status. TA-33-1 and TA-33-2 were designed to be portable and being moved supported their original function. TA-33-40 was moved only a short distance and continued to function as originally designed.

Contamination

Based on the nature of the activities conducted at TA-33, possible site-wide contaminants include depleted and enriched uranium, beryllium, high explosives residues, deuterium, and

tritium. Minor contaminants associated with former operations include plutonium, cadmium, silver, lead, mercury, and solvents (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992).

TA-33-1 and TA-33-2

In the general area of Area 6, potential contaminants include barium, lead, uranium, beryllium, and high explosives. Additionally, contaminants from the area of building TA-33-1 may include volatile organics and photoprocessing chemicals (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992).

TA-33-40

LANL records indicate that a fan was installed in the roof of TA-33-40 because uranium fumes were emanating from saw operations. The cutting operation produced fumes and dust and a filter system was installed to keep dust from settling on the slit-saw operator. Loss of uranium ranged from 1 to 2 lbs. per week. Contamination could still remain in the vicinity of the TA-33-40 because the building's floor drain ran downhill several feet without a sump or holdup and effluents were allowed to leach into the ground (Los Alamos National Laboratory 1992; Los Alamos National Laboratory Archives).

National Register Eligibility Recommendations

Based on the information gathered during this building survey, TA-33-1, TA-33-2, and TA-33-40 are eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. Although these three buildings do not possess a high level of interior integrity, they still maintain significant historical integrity. TA-33-1, TA-33-2, and TA-33-40 are all at least 50 years old and retain the key elements of original location, setting, association, feeling, and exterior design. The main period of significance for these buildings covers the years between 1948 and 1972. The activities conducted in these buildings directly contributed to Cold War weapons research and development at Los Alamos. Specifically, all three buildings supported the initiator testing program at TA-33—testing both gun-type and implosion initiator designs. TA-33-1 once served as the first laboratory and office space at TA-33. TA-33-2, although primarily used as a support building, was occasionally used as a laboratory. The Saw Building, TA-33-40, was a significant processing building that was in use until the initiator testing program ended in the early 1970s. The building housed a slit saw that was used to cut open experimental casings to access important test data.

The SHPO is requested to concur with the eligibility determinations contained in this report and to concur that the proposed D&D action will adversely affect buildings TA-33-1, TA-33-2, and TA-33-40.

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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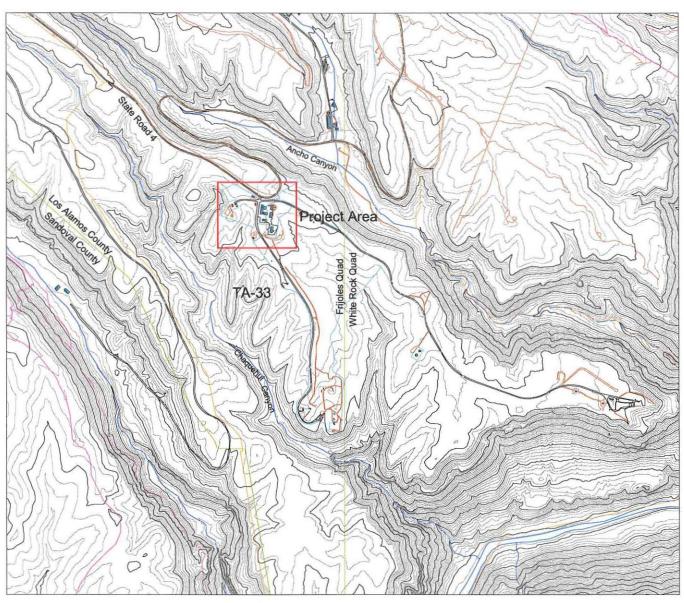
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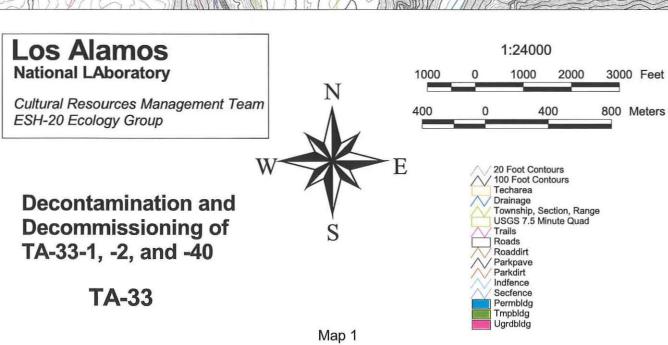
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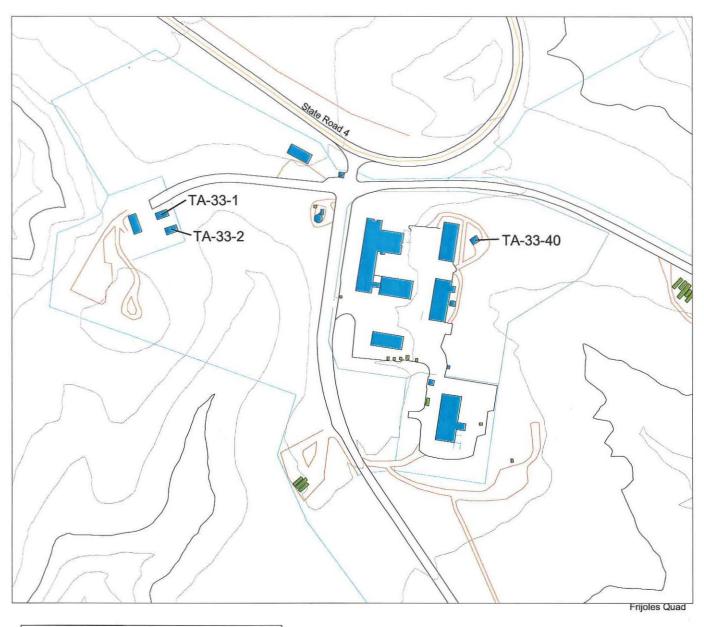
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Appendix A Maps

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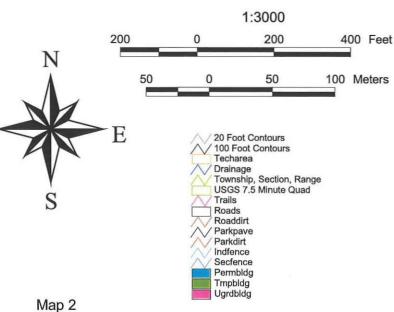




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Decontamination and Decommissioning of TA-33-1, -2, and -40

TA-33



Appendix B New Mexico Historic Building Survey Forms, Photographs, and Drawings

NEW MEXICO HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY FORM

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							February 16, 1948				

SK No. ENG 4-522 **Lighting For TA-33 Area 1** February 25, 1948 A5-C162 Underground Chamber No. 2 (HP-6) TA-33, Plot Plan and Details July 24, 1948 **ENG 4-R45** Topo and Plot Plan, TA-33 January 27, 1949 ENG-C18787 (sheet 1 of 1) **Toilet Facilities** Bldg. HP-1, TA-33 January 17, 1957 ENG-R3017 (sheet 1 of 1) Portable Laboratory Floor Plan June 19, 1964 Size 450 gross ft² (406 net ft²)

Architectural features

TA-33-1 is a free standing, one-story building of approximately 450 gross square feet. It is of wood frame construction, has a pitched roof, and has painted wood siding on the exterior. The roof is composed of rolled asphalt over wood framing and is in an advanced state of deterioration. The building was designed to be portable and sits on wooden skids. On the west elevation, there is one pedestrian door and one hopper-type window with single pane glass. The window has twelve individual panes of clear glass and appears to be of original construction. There are similar windows on the south (4), east (2), and north (3) elevations. The interior walls are in a bad state of deterioration and appear to have been modified at some time with the addition of 1" rigid insulation under 5/8" gypsum board. Today the building stands empty. A laboratory sink and workbench are the only notable equipment remaining in the building. Overall, TA-33-1 is in fair condition although it is suffering from the effects of time and from exposure to the elements.

Comments

Built by R.E. McKee. The history of this building is closely linked with that of TA-33-2. Both buildings were moved to Area 6 from Area 1 (now East Site) sometime between July of 1948 and January of 1949.

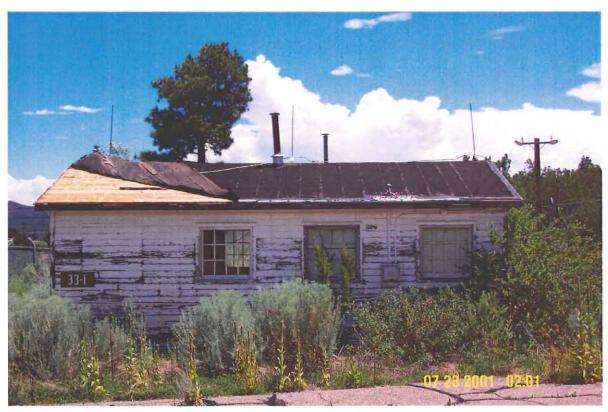
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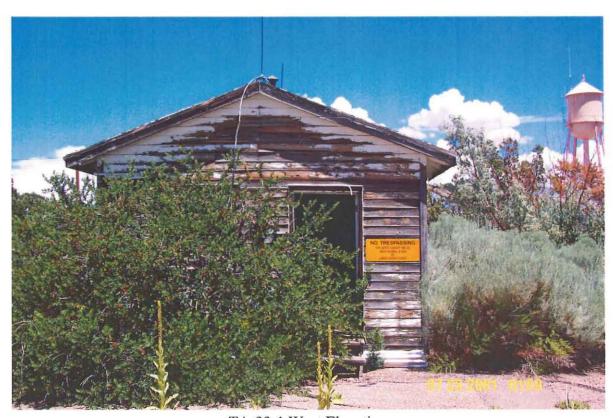
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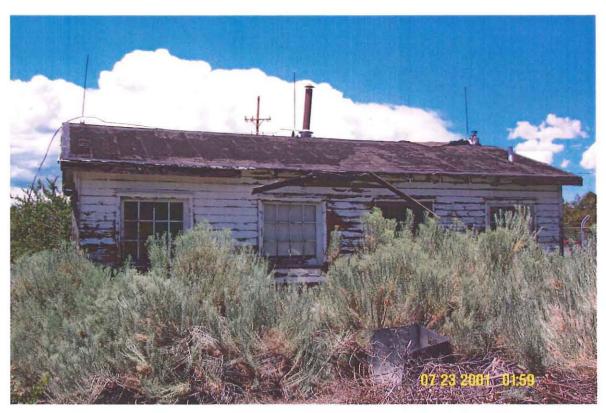
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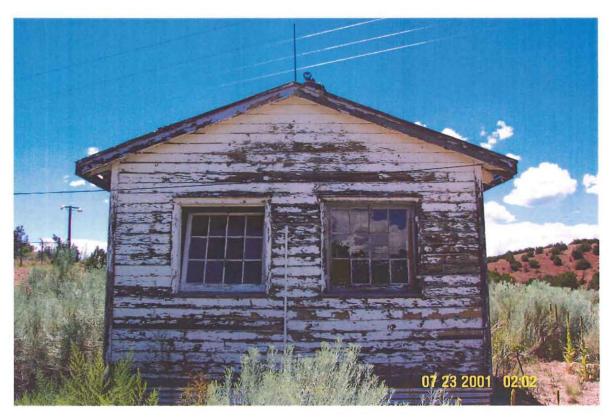
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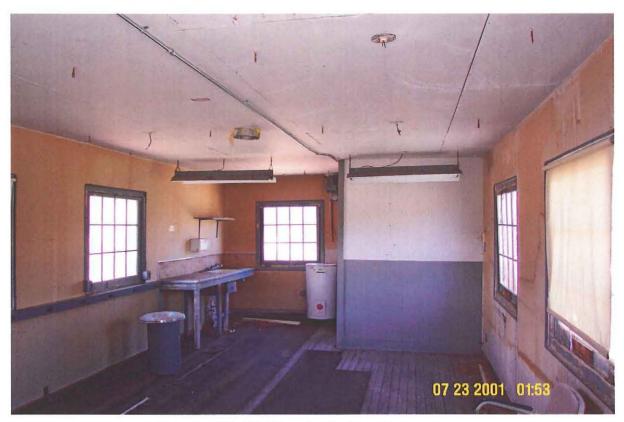
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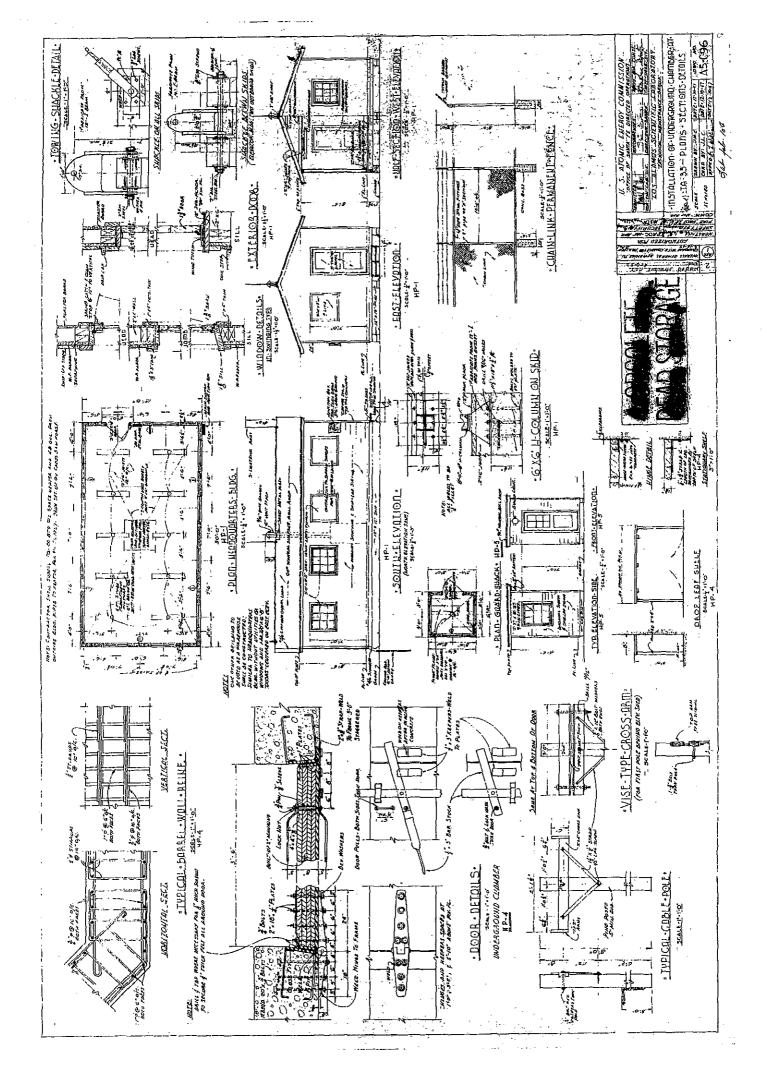
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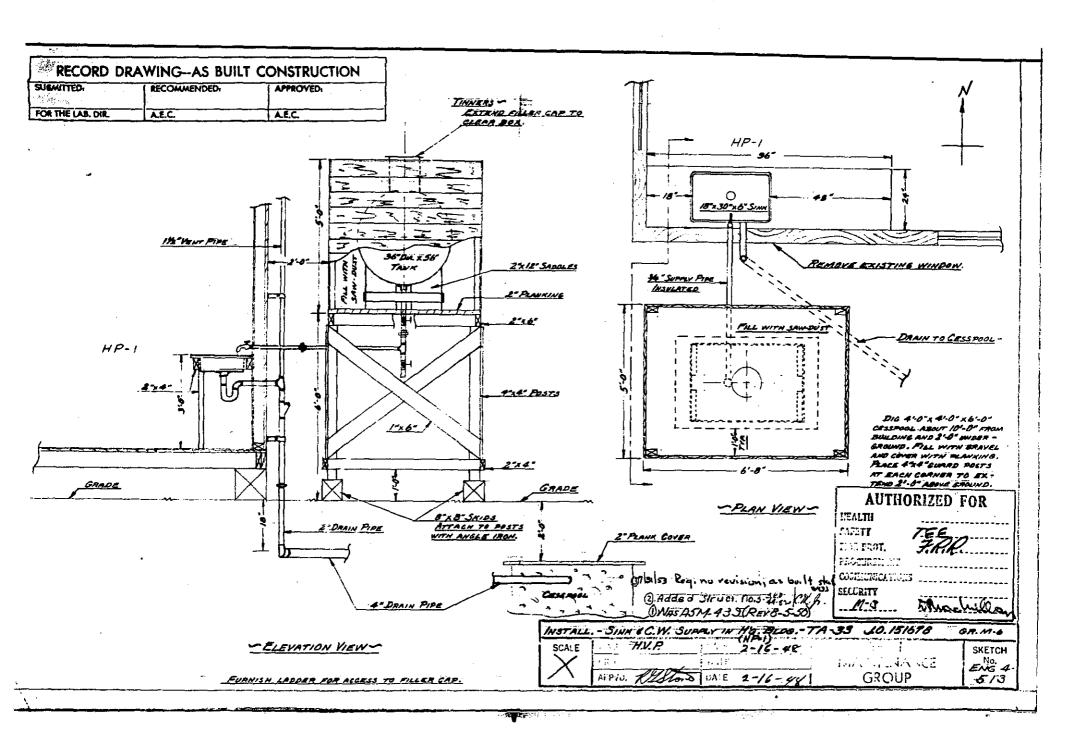


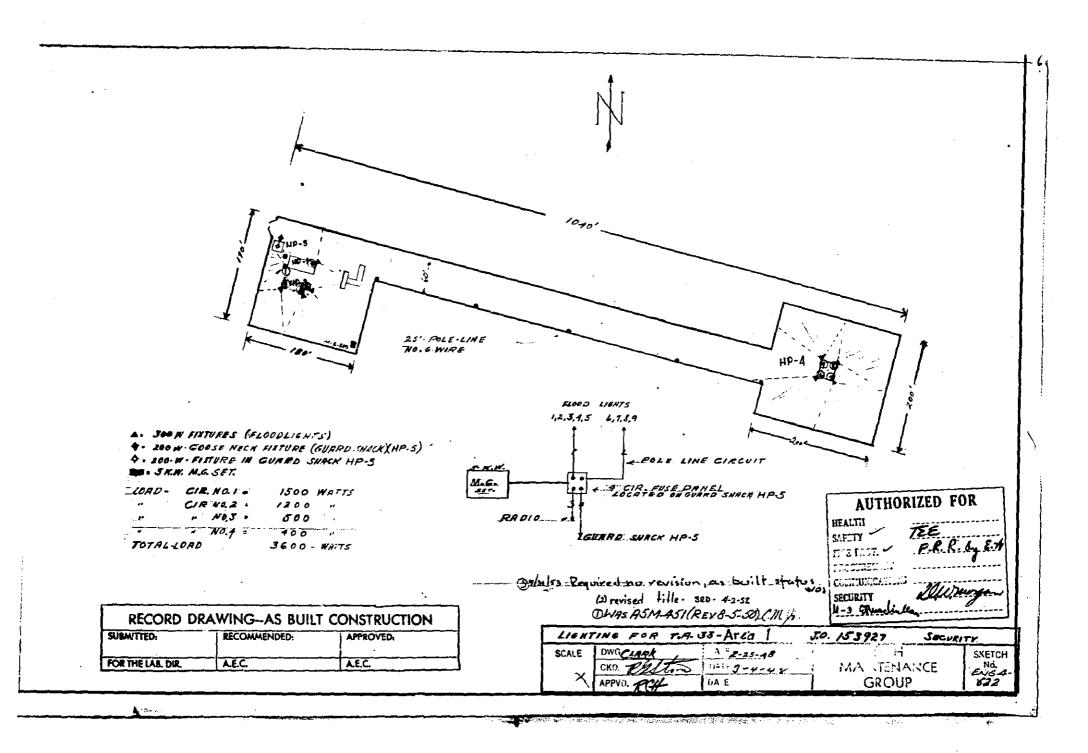
TA-33-1 Interior looking East



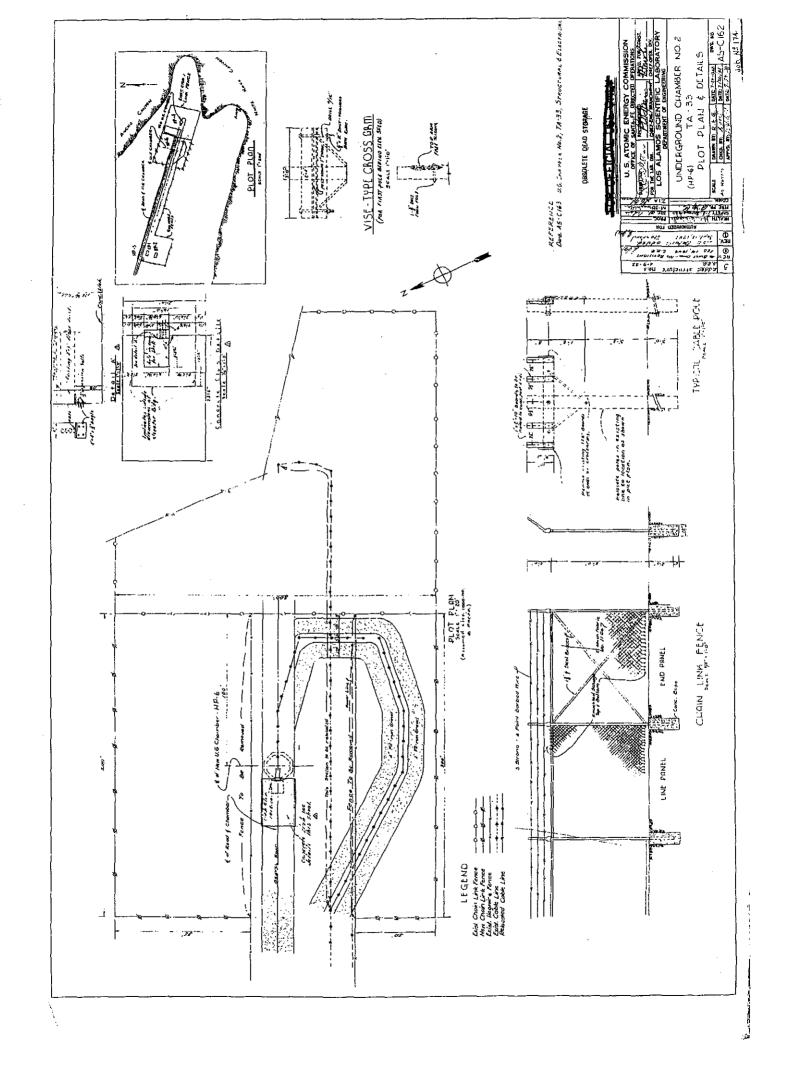
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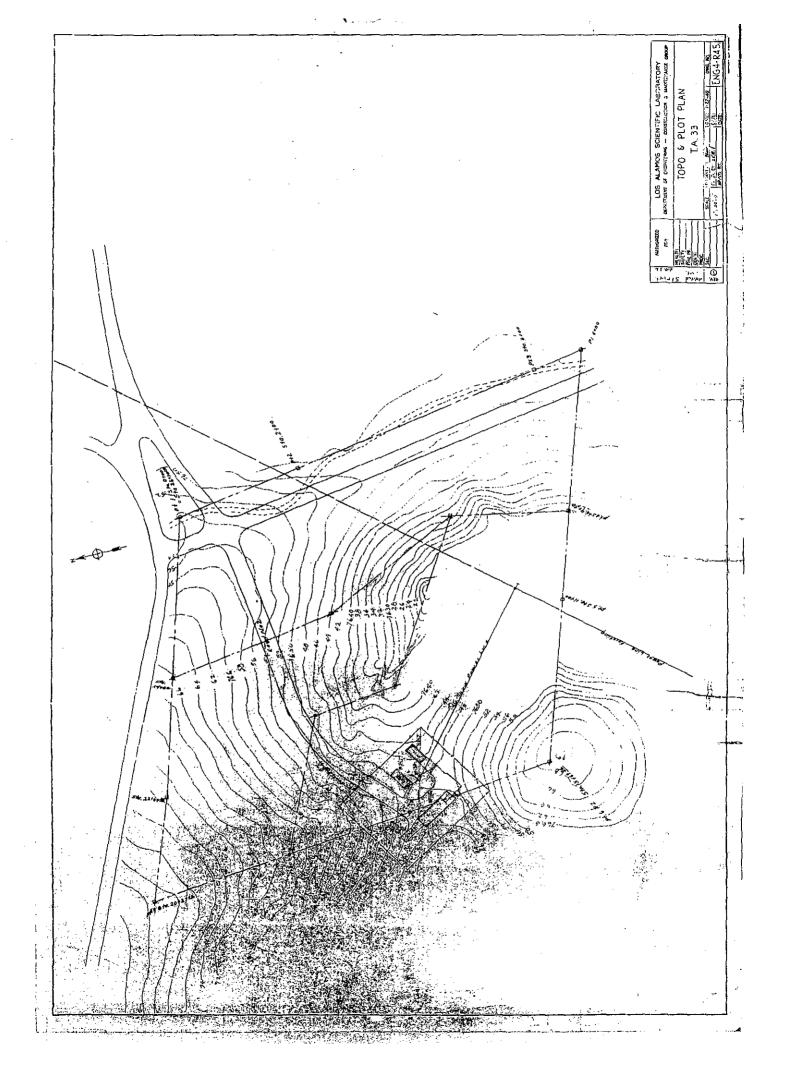


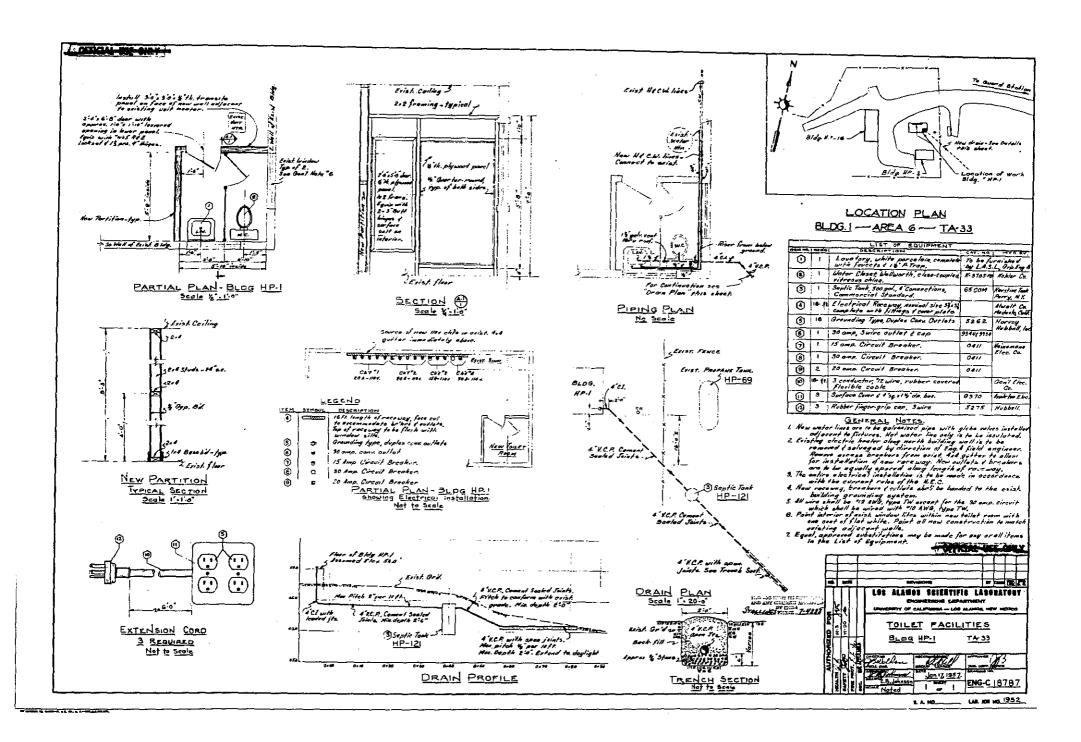


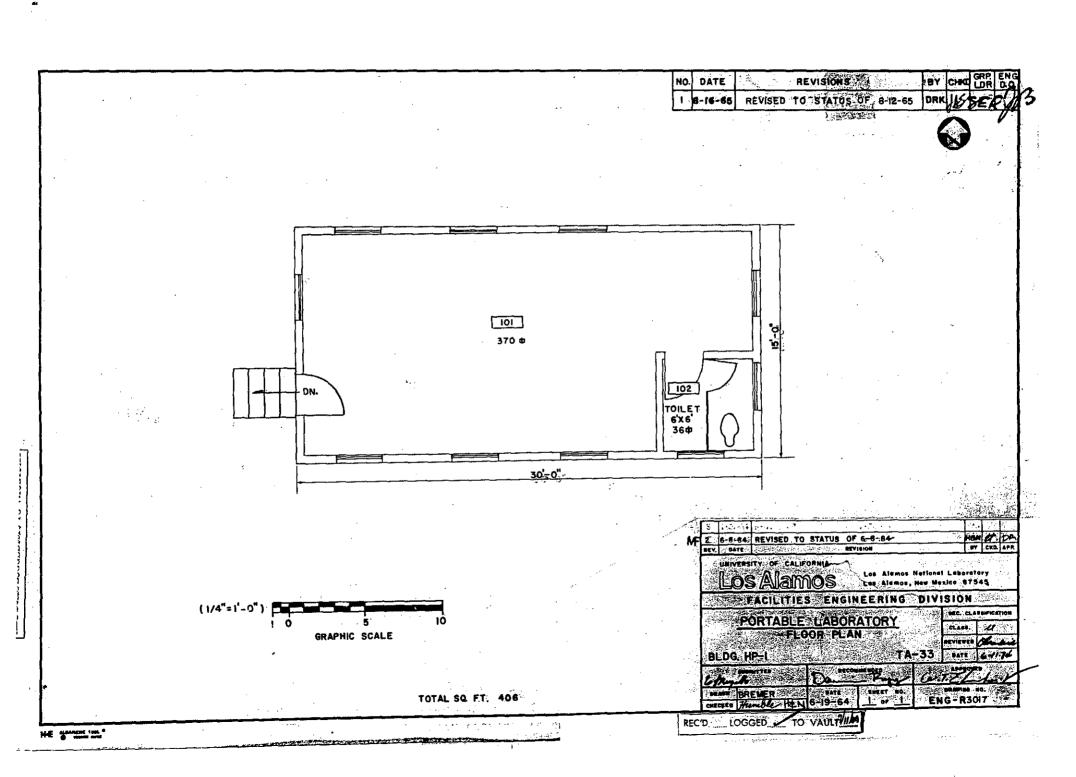


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NEW MEXICO HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY FORM

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	and Ken Towery										
Field map n/a	Field map Number UTM reference: Easting 386341 Northing 3960482 Zone 13 n/a										
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n/a											
Building name Legal description USGS Frijoles 7.5 Series											
TA-33-2 Original name TA-33-2 (HP-2) Portable tnsp 19N range 6E sec Unplatted											
Warehouse											
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							on following pages.)				
			If inventoried, list ID nos.				A5-C162				
		TA-33	TA-33-1 and TA-33-16				Underground Chamber No. 2 (HP-6)				
							TA-33, Plot Plan and Details				
							July 24, 1948				
							ENG 4-R45				
							Topo and Plot Plan, TA-33				
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Portable Warehouse
Floor Plan
Bldg. HP-2, TA-33
June 18, 1964

Size
450 gross ft²
(406 net ft²)

Architectural features

TA-33-2 is a free standing, one-story building of approximately 450 gross square feet. It is of wood frame construction, has a pitched roof, and has painted wood siding on the exterior. The roof is composed of rolled asphalt over wood framing and is in fair condition. The building was designed to be portable and sits on wooden skids. Currently, a portion of the floor is a concrete slab sitting on grade. On the west elevation, there is a woodpaneled, double door and one hopper-type window with single pane glass. The window has sixteen individual panes of clear glass and appears to be of original construction. The exterior of the building is deteriorating and is generally in poor condition. The interior walls appear to be original and are composed of wood framing and either sheet rock or asbestos board material. There is an asphalt drive and parking area west of the building.

Comments

Built by R.E. McKee. The history of this building is closely linked with that of TA-33-1. Both buildings were moved to head of from Area 1 (now East Site) sometime between July of 1948 and January of 1949.

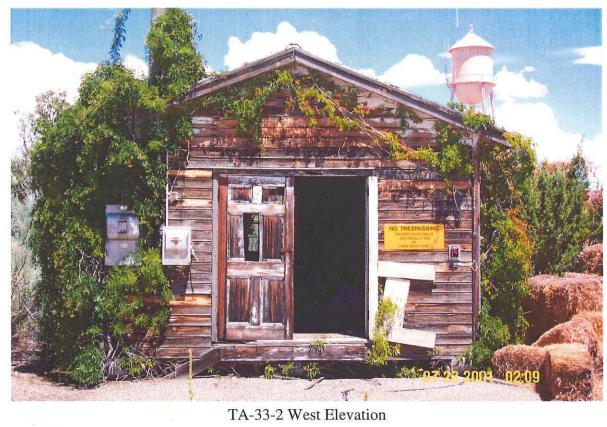
Associated historic theme Cold War Nuclear Weapons Research and Development (specifically initiator testing)

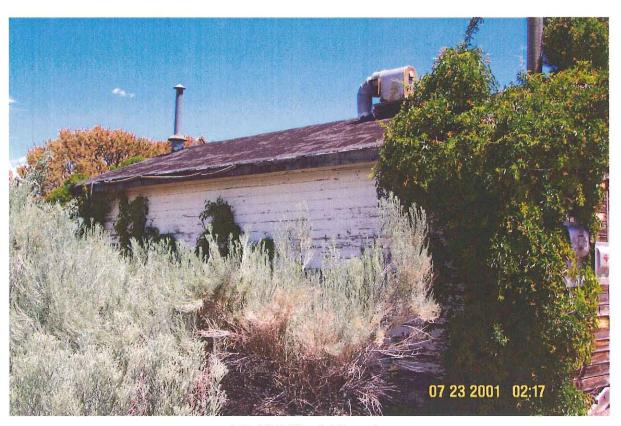
Property type
Support and
Laboratory/Processing

Contamination history
Possible hazardous or
radioactive materials used in
or near the building include
barium, lead, uranium,
beryllium, and high explosives.

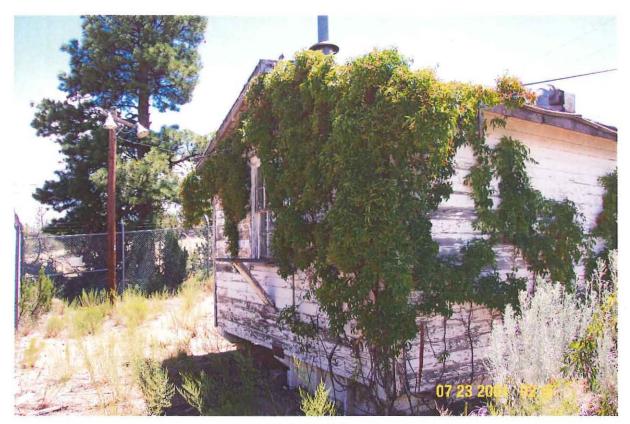
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Eligibility
Eligible under Criterion A

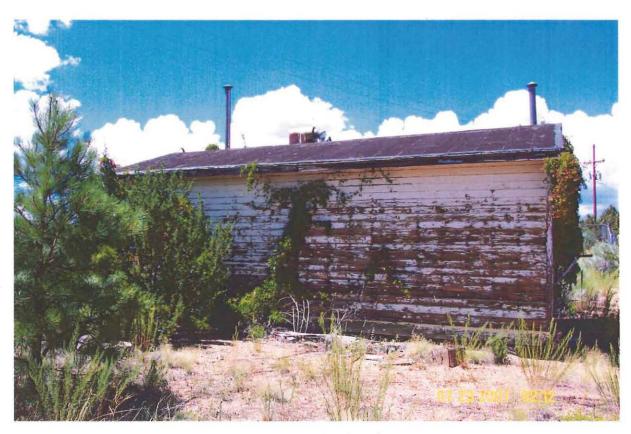




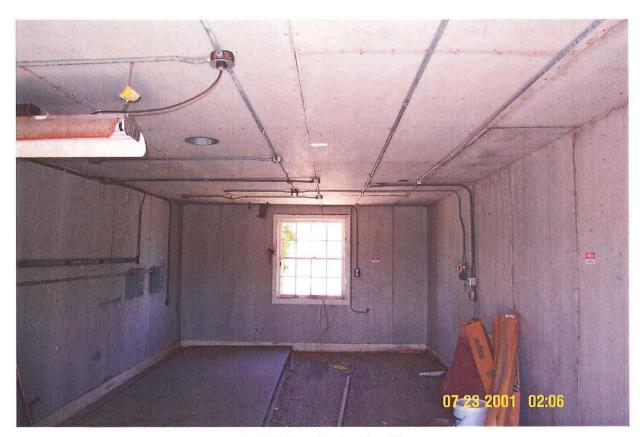
TA-33-2 North Elevation



TA-33-2 East Elevation



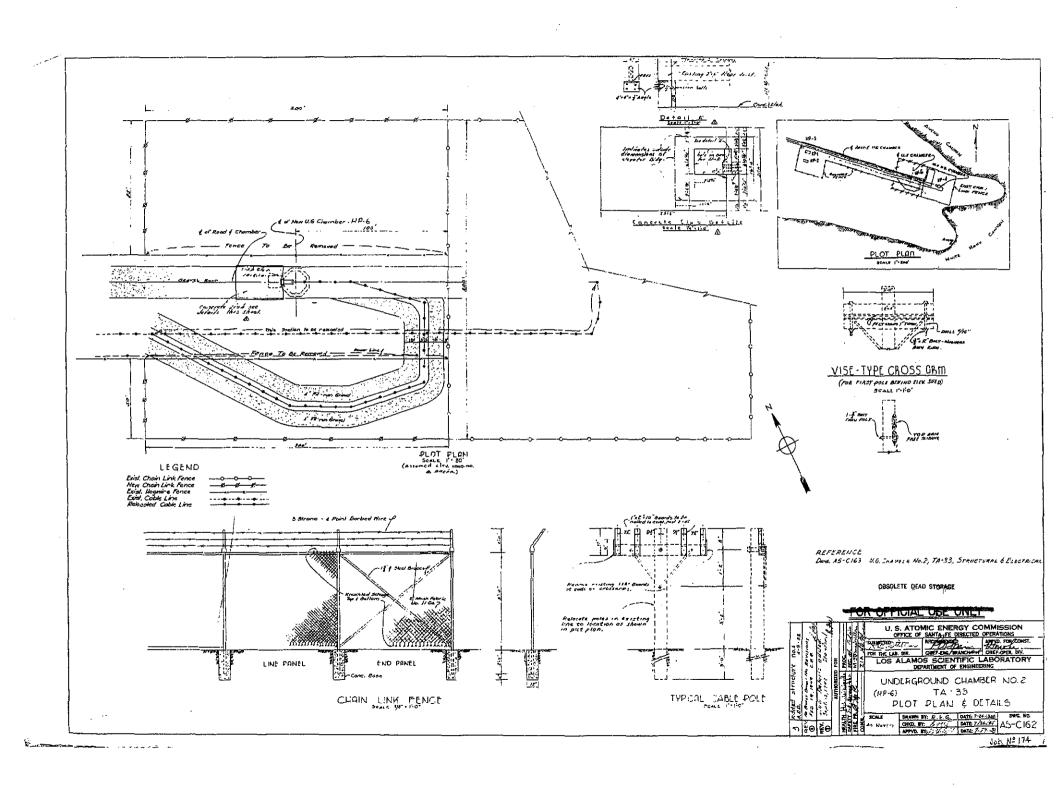
TA-33-2 South Elevation

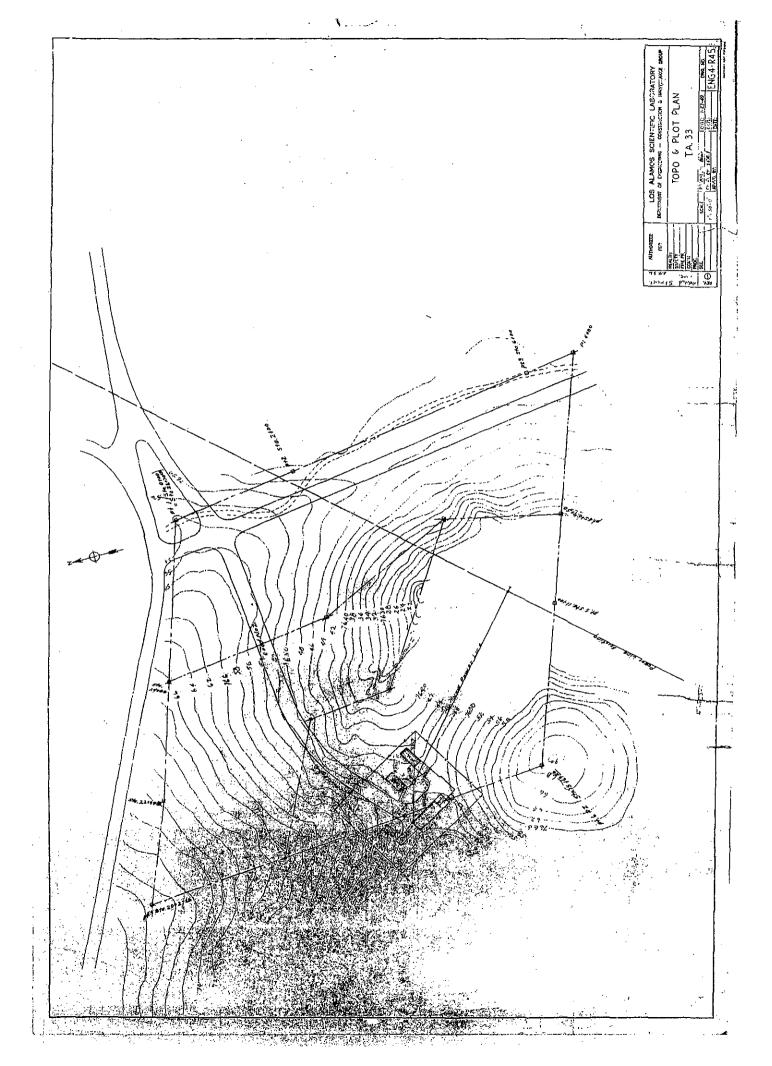


TA-33-2 Interior looking East



TA-33-2 Interior looking West





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Building threatened?		Surveyed				Cou	nty ID no.			
- 1			date 7/29/2001by J. Ronquillo and Ken Towery				Alamos		TA-33-40	
Field map n/a										
Location description Technical Area (ot Point) Sit	Point) Site, Main Site Los			town Alamos I grant/re					
Building name TA-33-40 Origina Saw Building	-40 (HP-40)	Legal description USGS Frijoles 7.5 Series tnsp 19N range 6E sec Unplatted						es		
Camera name SBSP	Negative nos 64 - 69									
Style TA-33-40 is a wood frame building with a slanted or shed roof. (see below for more information) Foundation ma Reinforced cor slab Wall material/s The exterior w are constructe wood siding w the interior wa surface is finis with masonite panels		rial/surface for walls ucted of ng while or wall finished	Use Present residential ✓other According to the MOADS database TA-33-40 is currently being used for general storage. historic residential ✓other TA-33-40 originally housed a slit saw and was called "the Saw Building."				Conditionexcellentgood _X_fairdeteriorating			
Degree of remodeling X minor moderate major describe: TA-33-40 was relocated northeast of building TA-33-39 in 1953 to make room for the Gas Handling Facility, TA-33-86. Heating, plumbing and electrical alterations, including room exhaust modifications were made to accommodate the relocation. A sand bag barricade was constructed around the building to shield a nearby road from possible shrapnel.										
Surroundings Developed Laboratory Technical Area 33		al	Relationship to surrour X similarno				district pot	ential no		
Significance X Eligible of interest none if not eligible, why?		-What ty and off If inven TA-33- and oth	Associated building?What type? Industrial and office buildings If inventoried, list ID n TA-33-86, TA-33-19, and other buildings at Site area of TA-33.			_yes ratory 3-114,	Associated (Photos and on followir ENG-C115 Saw Bldg, Plot Plan of December ENG-C115 Saw Build Architectur Heating &	Associated drawings (Photos and copies of the drawings are on following pages.) ENG-C1156 (sheet 1 of 3) Saw Bldg. HP-40, TA-33 Plot Plan & Details December 19, 1950 ENG-C1157 (sheet 2 of 3) Saw Building, HP-40, TA-33 Architectural Plan & Details Heating & Plumbing January 20, 1951		

ENG-C1158 (sheet 3 of 3) Saw Building, HP-40, TA-33 Electrical Plan & Section January 20, 1951

ENG-C2955 (sheet 1 of 5) Relocation of Bldg. #40 Plot Plan Bldg. HP-40, TA-33 February 4, 1953

ENG-C2956 (sheet 2 of 5) Relocation of Bldg. #40 Foundation Plan & Sections Bldg. HP-40, TA-33 February 4, 1953

ENG-C2957 (sheet 3 of 5) Relocation of Bldg. #40 Room Exhaust Modifications-Mech. Details Bldg. HP-40 (Saw Bldg.) TA-33 February 17, 1953

ENG-C2958 (sheet 4 of 5) Relocation of Bldg. #40 Electrical-Plans- Dets.- Notes Bldg. HP-40, TA-33 February 4, 1953

ENG-C2959 (sheet 5 of 5) Relocation of Bldg. 40 Electrical-Plot Plan- Notes Bldg. HP-40, TA-33 February 4, 1953

ENG-R3034 (sheet 1 of 1) Saw Building Floor Plan Bldg. HP-40, TA-33 June 18, 1964

Size 335 gross ft² (285 net ft²)

Architectural features

TA-33-40 is a free standing, windowless, one-story building of approximately 335 gross square feet. It is of wood frame construction and has a slightly pitched, shed-type "built up" roof. The building's exterior is ship-lapped, tongue and groove wood siding that has been painted. TA-33-40 sits on a reinforced concrete slab that ramps to the east of the building. It also has a sliding sectional wood door. The interior walls and ceiling are finished in masonite panels. There are five overhead pendant lights, a corner wall heater, and an overhead hoist inside the building. TA-33-40 originally housed a 24" saw with self-contained coolant.

According to drawing ENG-C2956, a sand bag barricade was situated approximately 4 feet from the building around the east, north and west elevations.

Comments

Built by the Zia Company. This building was relocated within the Main Site area in 1953 but its original function did not change. A slit saw in the building was used to saw open steel and uranium projectiles after they were retrieved from initiator experiments.

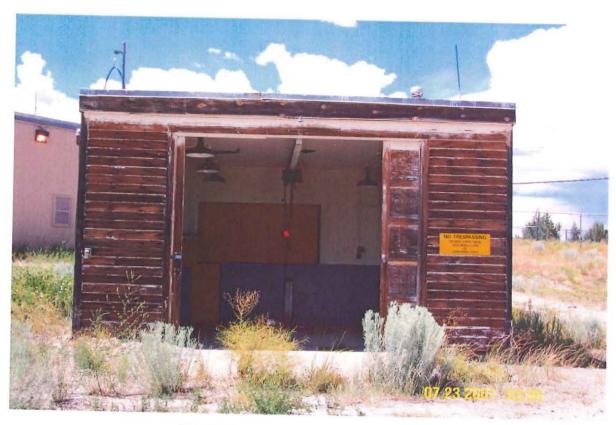
Associated historic theme Cold War Nuclear Weapons Research and Development (specifically initiator testing)

Property type Laboratory/Processing

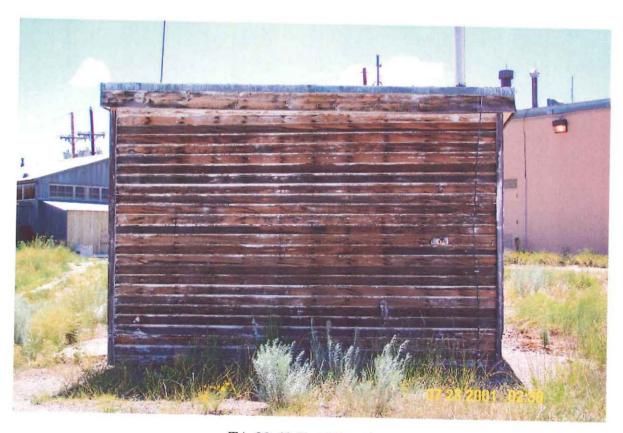
Contamination history
Possible hazardous or
radioactive materials used in
or near the building include
uranium and beryllium.
LANL records indicate that a
fan was installed in the roof of
TA-33-40 because uranium
fumes were emanating from
saw operations.

Integrity Fair

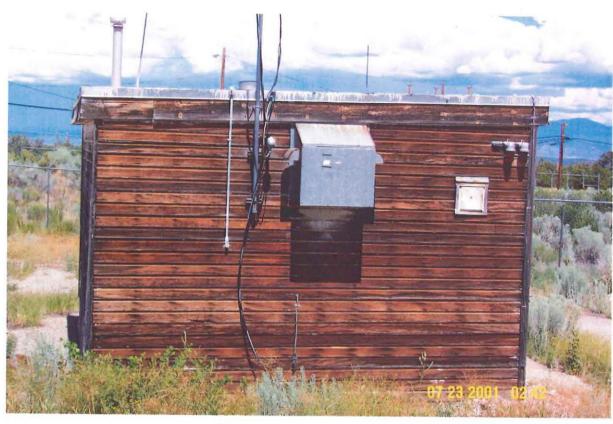
Eligible under Criterion A



TA-33-40 South Elevation and Interior



TA-33-40 East Elevation



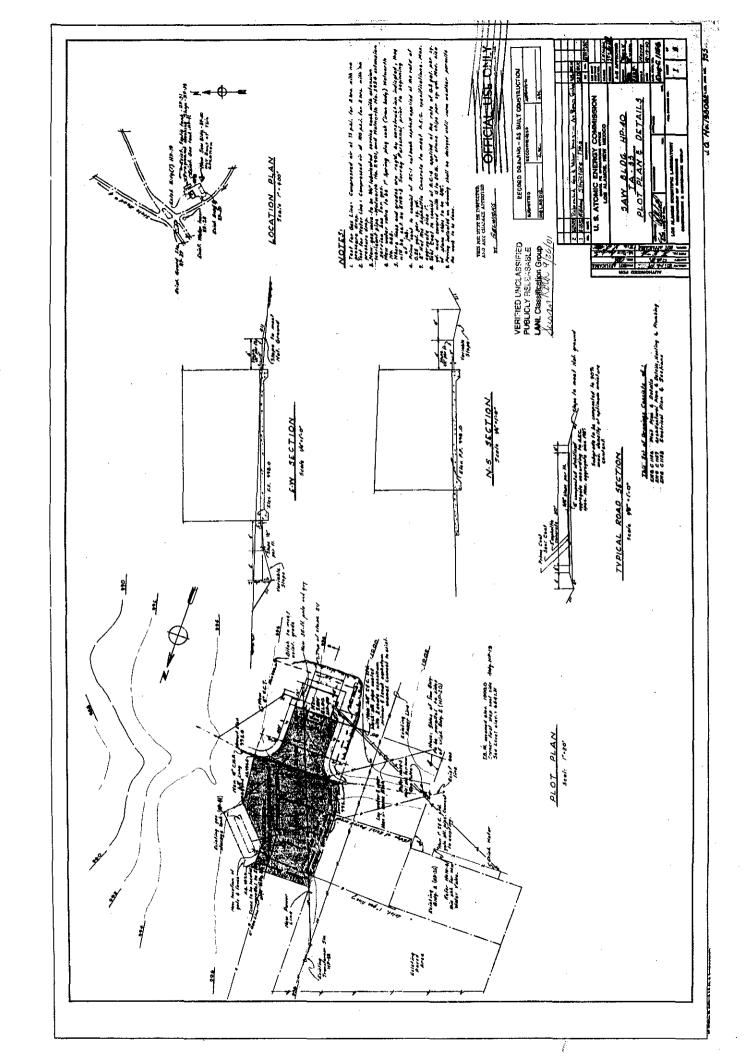
TA-33-40 North Elevation

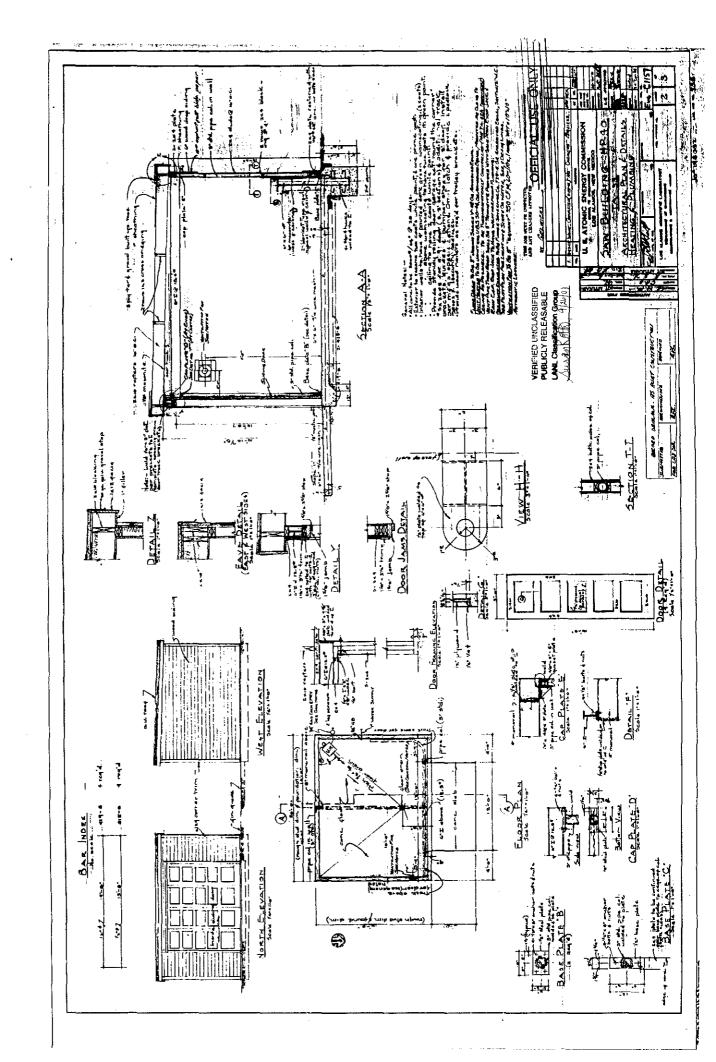


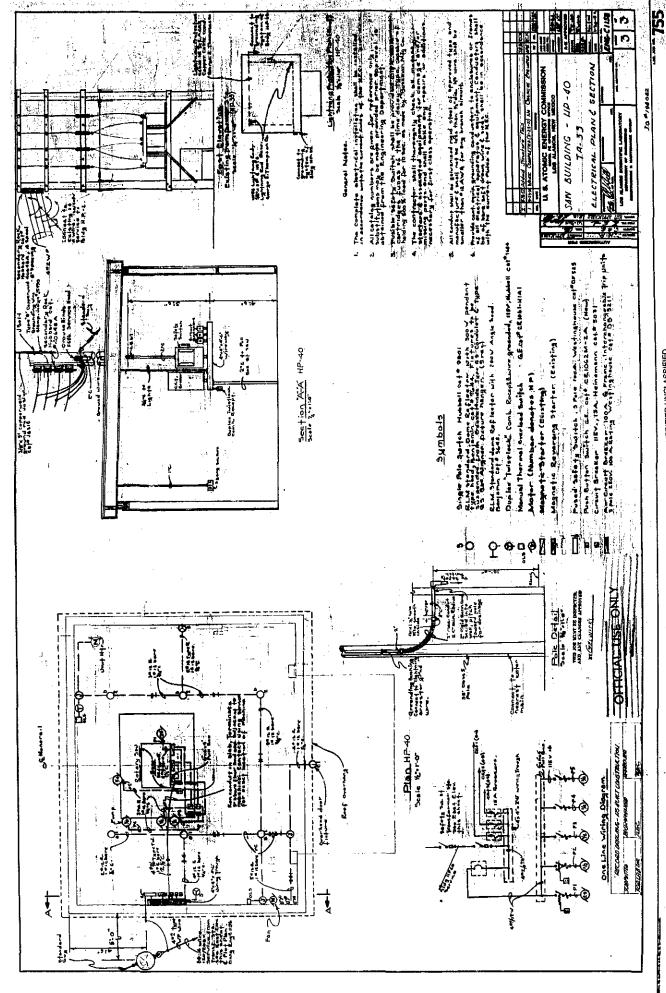
TA-33-40 West Elevation



TA-33-40 Interior Sliding Section Door looking southeast







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