

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : E. E. Wingfield, Opns Br, AEC-LAAO

DATE: December 23, 1971

FROM : William D. Purtymun, H-8, LASL

SUBJECT: SEPTIC TANK TA-33-32

SYMBOL : H8-M2396

TA 33  
Septic tank TA-33-32 serves building TA-33-21. A plutonium-beryllium source was broken in building TA-33-21 on April 13, 1960. The building has been essentially abandon since that time. It is reported that the power and water is cut off to the building.

It is the opinion of H-1 that the septic tank may contain plutonium and beryllium and that no future use can be made of the building unless extensive clean up is undertaken.

John Dougherty, Group Leader, W-3 informed me they have no future plans to use the building. Thus it appears that no action should be taken to repair or replace only the septic tank. The septic tank should be placed in the same category and controlled as the building.

Attached is a memo of reported findings at building TA-33-86 and location of sumps A and B (not related to septic tanks) as requested by Dean Miller. Assumed location of septic tank TA-33-93 is shown on the sketch.

Group H-1, Health Physics Group, LASL, is fully cognizant of this situation and has it under proper surveillance.

*WDP Purtymun*

William D. Purtymun, H-8

WDP:rnp

Enc: "a/s"

cc: T. W. Roehl, EC/M, AEC-LAAO, w/enc.  
J. E. Dougherty, W-3 w/enc.  
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ISD-5 (2), w/o enc.  
H-8, w/enc.

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file with my letter

Dear

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Comments on H-8 memorandum to AEC on TA-33

1. Encl 2 map does not agree with H-8 sketch. also designation for sumps A and B are 133 and 134. See other Xerox
2. I don't find a disposal area "K"
3. The subject of the memo is not indicative of the total content of the letter.
4. I don't know what Bill is trying to tell Wingfield concerning the sumps outside of Bldg 86 fence and disposal area "K" leaves me completely out in left field as to what that has to do with the discussion.

Carl

I will agree that the sketch is probably closer to showing the exact locations of the sumps. "A" so called, probably empties from room 9, the filling chamber and "B" no doubt leads to the cleaning hood which is about 90 feet south, southeast of the filling room. The septic tank is probably just that (for sanitary waste)