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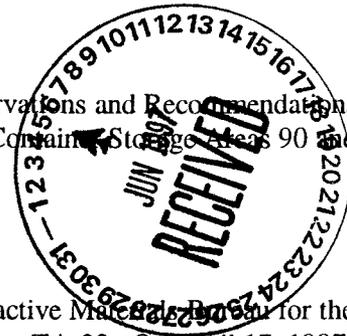
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30 May 1997

Mr. Mat Johansen, AIP POC
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RE: Department of Energy Oversight Bureau (DOE OB) Inspection Observations and Recommendations concerning DOE's Request for Cancellation and Withdrawal of TA-33 Container Storage Areas 90 and 92 at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).



Dear Mr. Johansen:

On March 7, 1997, the DOE submitted a request to the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Branch for the cancellation and withdrawal of the following container storage areas (90 and 92) at TA-33. On April 17, 1997, DOE OB, DOE and LANL ESH-19 staff completed non-regulatory inspections of these sites. The following attachment lists the DOE OB observations and recommendations for each site. This inspection was requested by NMED HRMB and a copy of this correspondence will be transmitted to them in addition to DOE LAAO and LANL ESH-19. Any specific concerns regarding these sites can be forwarded to Jody Plum at 667-5042.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 672-0448.

Sincerely,

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DOE OB Inspection Observations and Recommendations

SITE: Container Storage Area 90

LOCATION: Guard Shack TA-33-HP-90 (see TA-33 attachment)

DATE OF INSPECTION: 4-17-97

OBSERVATIONS: Structure TA-33-HP-90 is a small guard shack (about 15' X 15' X 12') that contains a bathroom. The bathroom is connected to a sanitary septic tank, located to the west of the building. The interior of the building and immediate area around the guard shack showed no signs of staining or other indicators of hazardous and/or mixed waste storage. There was no evidence observed or discussed that any solid, or mixed waste was ever stored at this site.

RECOMMENDATION: The DOE OB recommends that this site be taken off the RCRA Part A Permit.

SITE: Container Storage Area 92

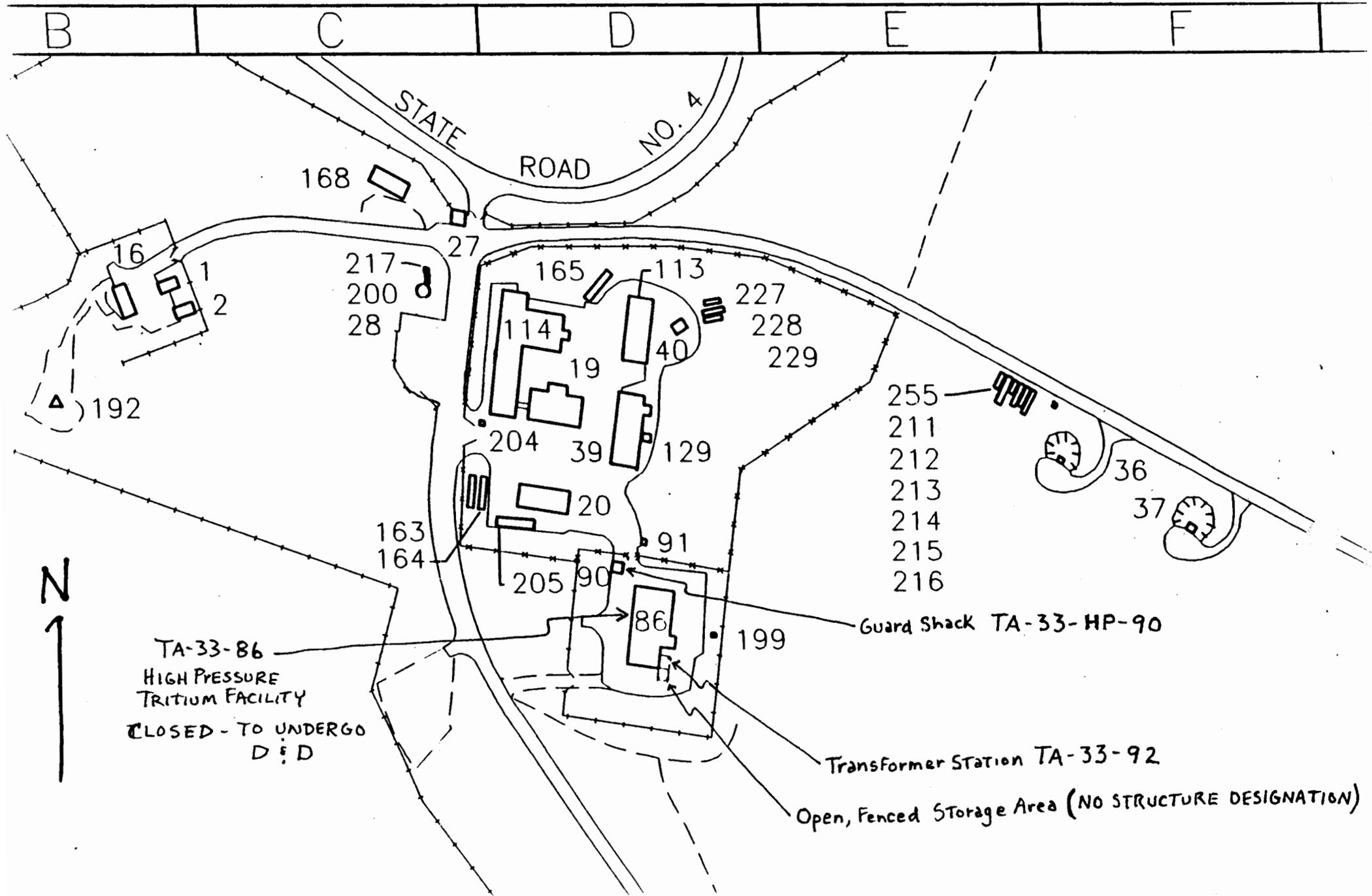
LOCATION: Fenced area south and adjacent to Transformer Station TA-33-92 (see TA-33 attachment)

DATE OF INSPECTION: 4-17-97

OBSERVATIONS: The fenced area south and adjacent to Transformer Station TA-33-92 is a small rectangular former storage area (about 12' X 12' X 10') with an asphalt pad. The storage area is currently empty. The interior and immediate area surrounding the storage area showed no signs of staining or other indicators of hazardous and/or mixed waste storage. During the discussion, it was disclosed that dry, non-hazardous materials such as office equipment and electrical cable were stored in the fenced area during the past. It was not completely known if covered and/or containerized low-level radioactive materials had also been stored in the fenced area during the past. The adjacent transformer station (TA-33-92) showed no evidence of staining on the asphalt pad, and the current transformer was known to be in compliance concerning PCBs. There was no known history of any significant spills involving PCBs from this transformer station (TA-33-92).

RECOMMENDATION: The DOE OB recommends that this site be taken off the RCRA Part A Permit following a review of additional information concerning any knowledge of whether covered and/or containerized low-level radioactive materials were ever stored at this site. In addition, the information should also indicate that there were no radioactive contamination releases to the environment at this site.

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Guard Shack TA-33-HP-90

Transformer Station TA-33-92

Open, Fenced Storage Area (NO STRUCTURE DESIGNATION)