

# Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station License Termination Plan

Meeting with NRC

April 28, 2004

# Purpose of the Meeting

- Open lines of communication with the NRC
- Review site features and decommissioning status
- Discuss current decommissioning goals
- Discuss LTP development
- Obtain NRC feedback
- Discuss future interactions

# Agenda

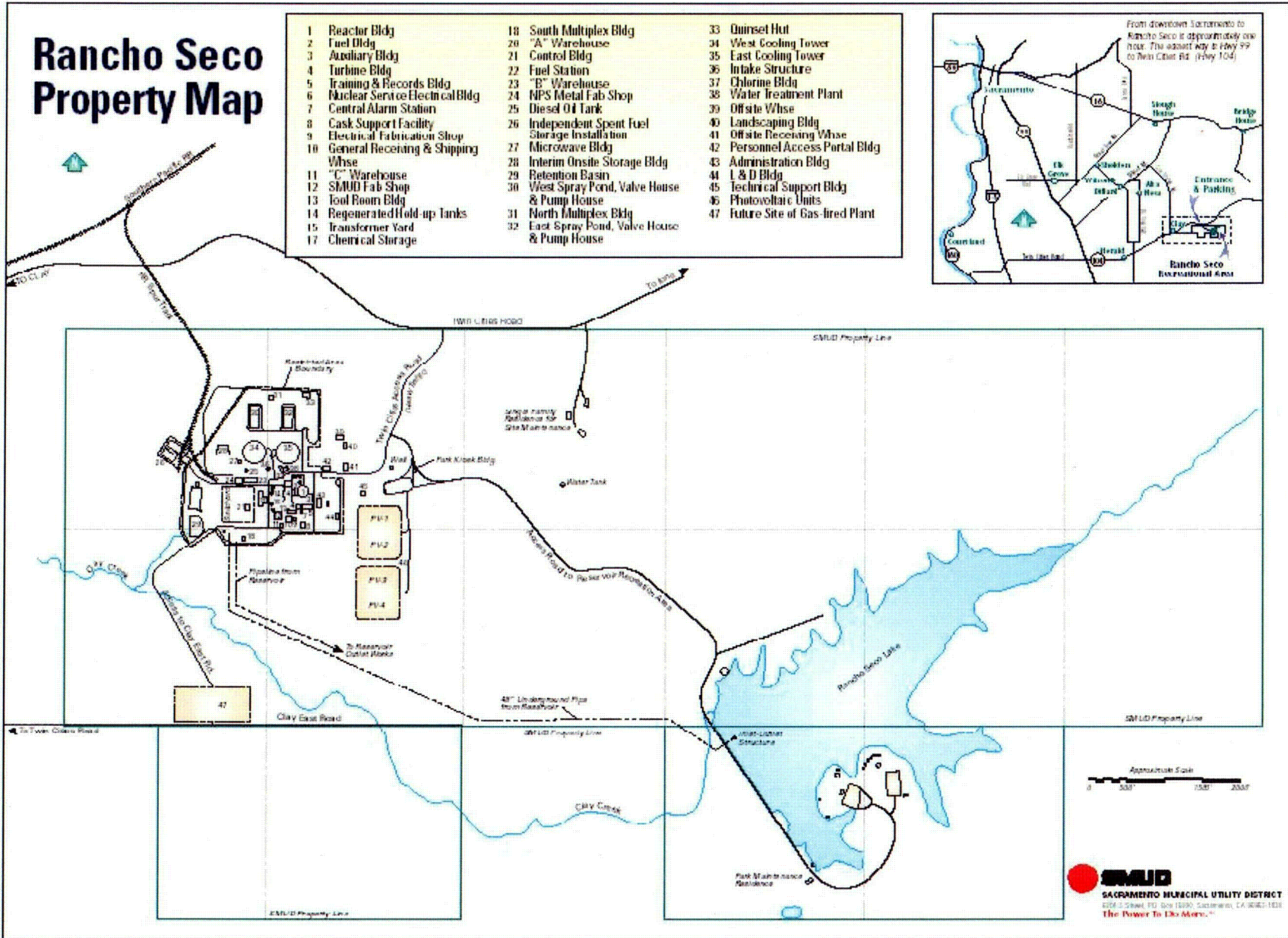
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# Rancho Seco Operations

Babcock & Wilcox Reactor	963 MWe
Initial criticality	September 1974
Began commercial operation	April 1975
Numbers of fuel cycles	7
Shut down permanently	June 1989
Effective Full Power Days	2,149 (<6 yrs.)
Received POL	March 1992
Began dismantlement	February 1997
Completed dry fuel transfer	August 2002

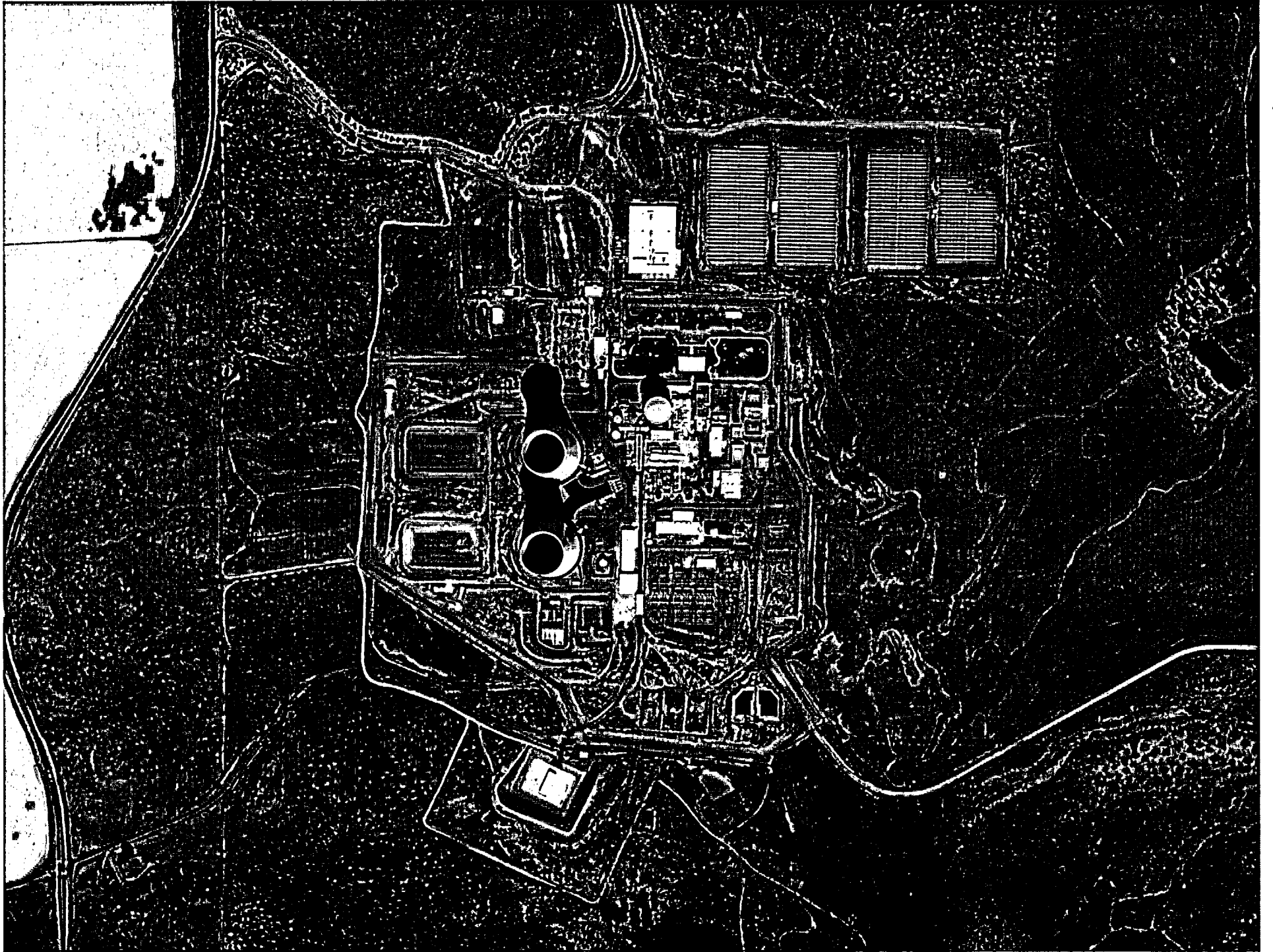
# Rancho Seco Site Features

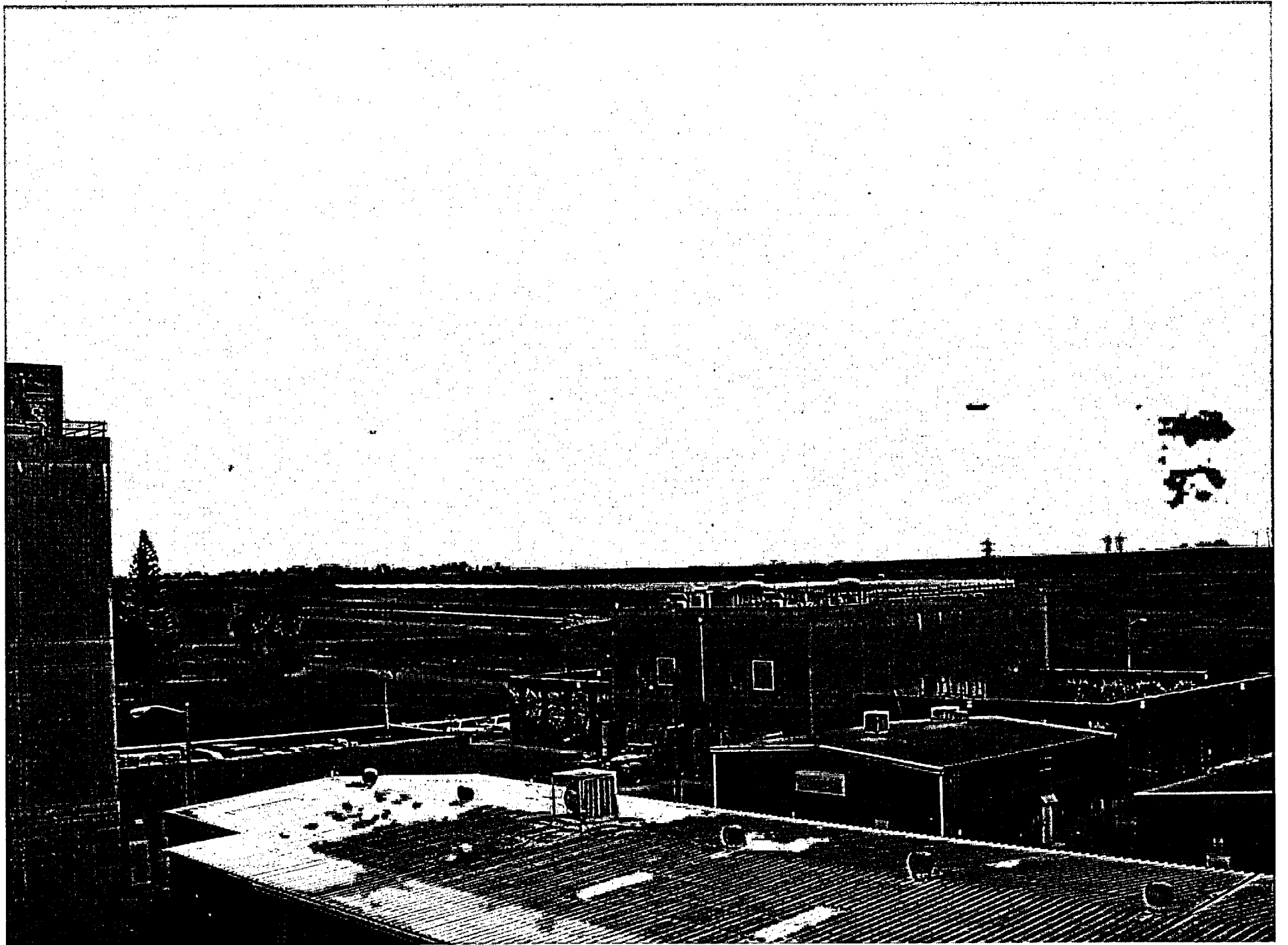
- 2,480 acre owner-controlled area
  - Industrial Area - 87 acres
  - ISFSI (site-specific 10 CFR Part 72 license) - 9/10 acre
  - Photovoltaic plant - 50 acres
  - 500 MWe gas-fired plant (under construction) - 30 acres
  - Rancho Seco switchyard is a major intertie with the Western Grid
  - 560 acre park with 160 acre-feet recreational lake
- ~100 acres are impacted
- Dry site (i.e., no major waterways nearby)
- Deep water table (140 – 160 feet; very little recharge from local rainfall)
- SMUD will retain site ownership



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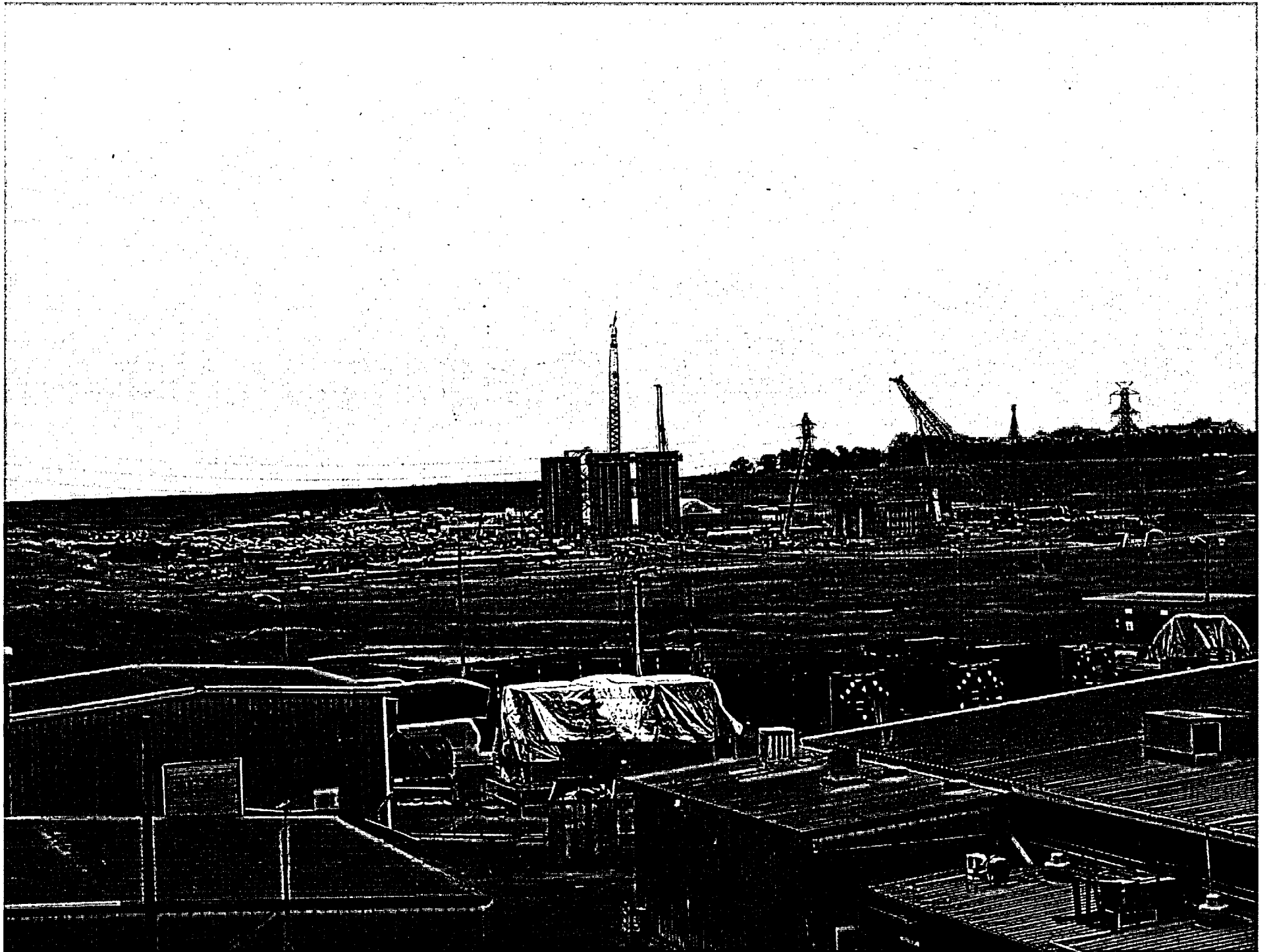


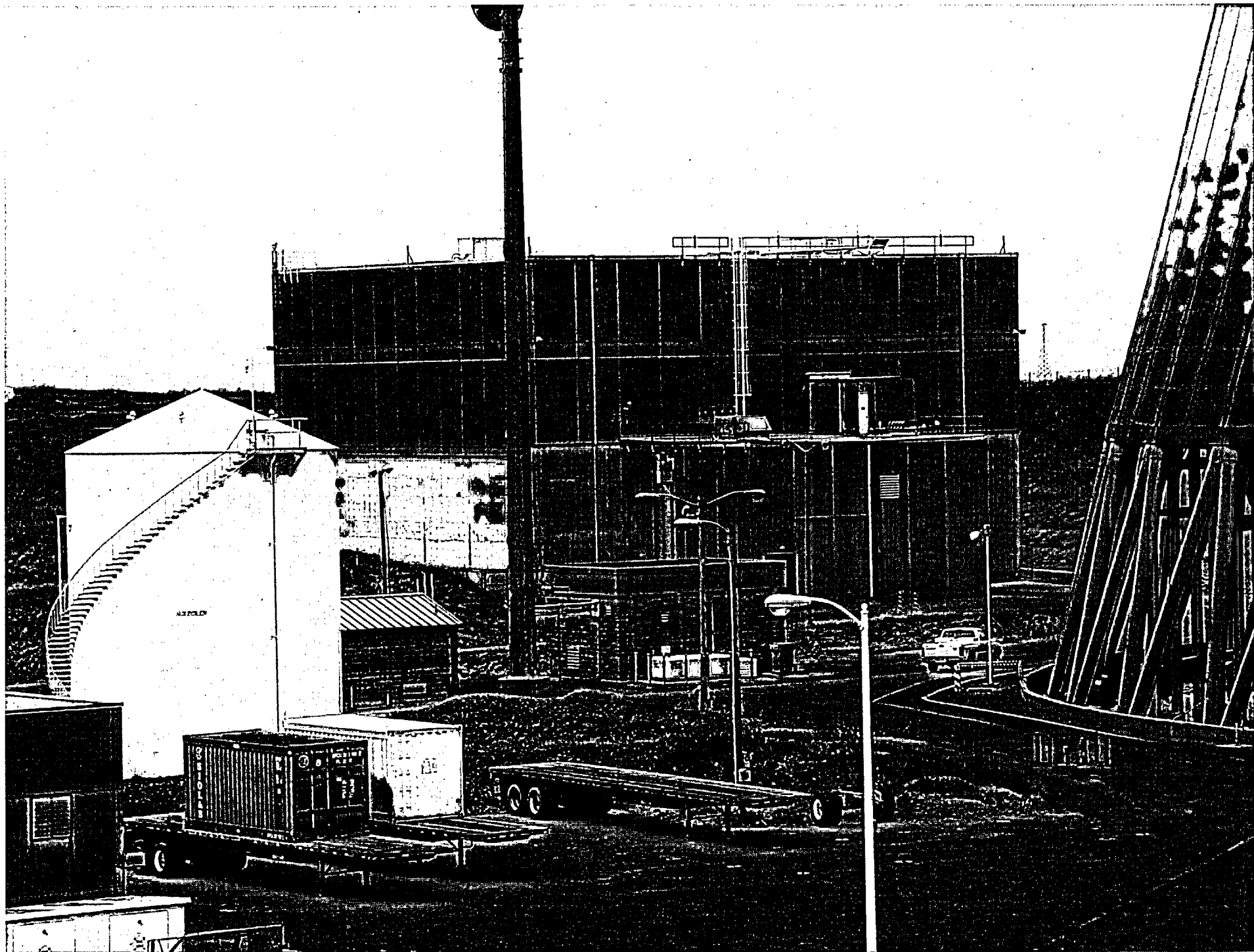












# Decommissioning Approach

- Started dismantlement activities in 1997
- Small staff
  - ~100 SMUD (including Security)
  - ~80 Contractors
- No radioactive waste ever sent to Barnwell
- License Termination Plan: phased approach
  - Phase I (2008)
    - Complete major physical activities
    - Store Class B & C radioactive waste onsite
    - Release site except Interim Onsite Storage Building (IOSB)
    - Possibly defer Reactor Building based on characterization
  - Phase II (2030)
    - Release remainder of site
    - license termination

# Decommissioning Approach

- Major concrete buildings will remain in place
- SMUD will continue to use the site (office buildings, gas plant, etc.) for other utility-related activities
- Public interest

# Major Activities & Status

- Turbine Building – system removal completed
- Reactor Building – system removal 91% complete
- Auxiliary Building – equipment removal 88% complete
- Reactor Vessel & Internals
  - Reactor Vessel Head cut into 5 pieces & shipped to Envirocare for disposal
  - Internals segmentation contract to Transnuclear, Inc. is pending

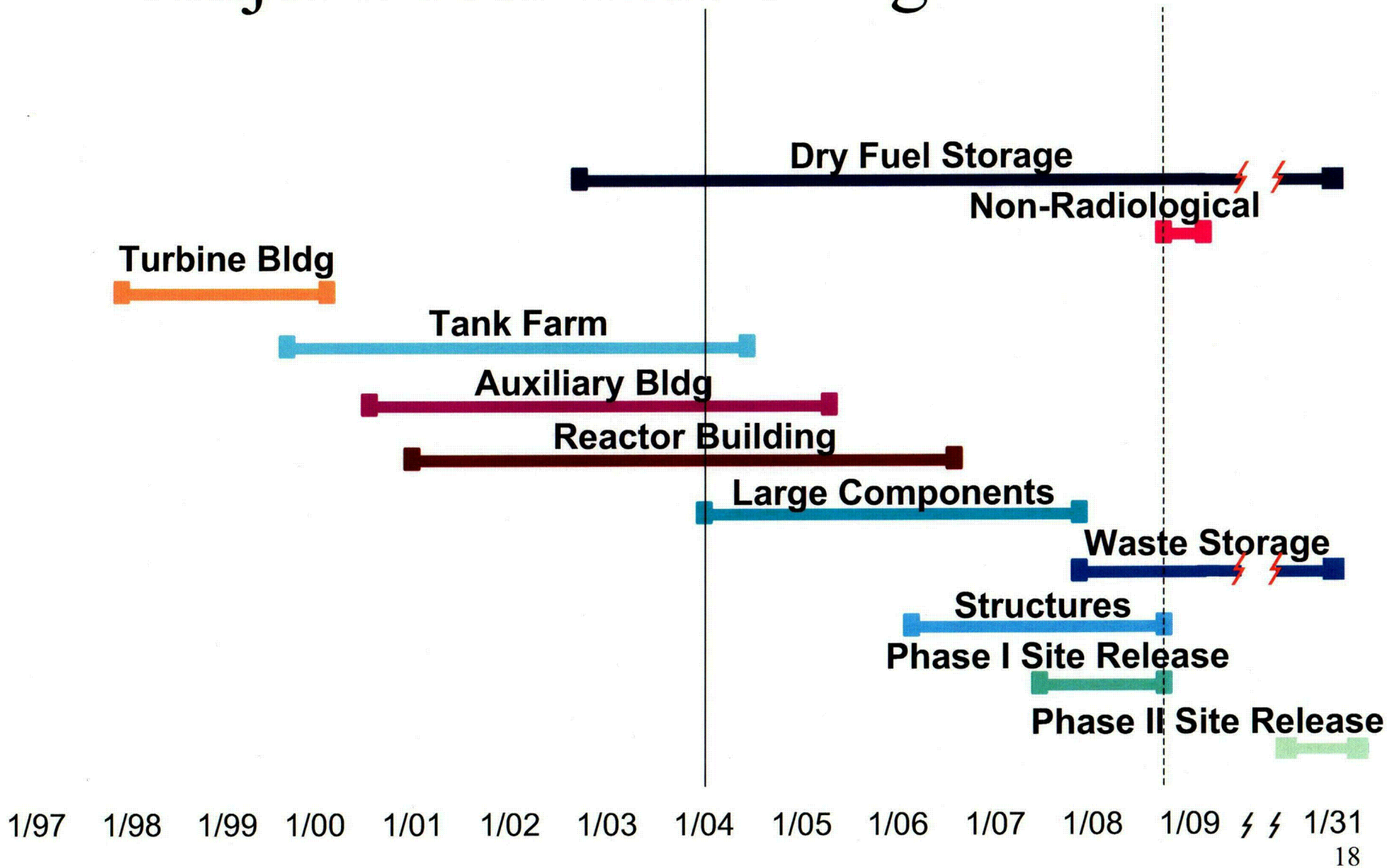


# Major Activities & Status

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- Pressurizer removed for disposal March 2004
- Spent fuel pool water processing completed
- Spent Fuel Pool Liner removal continues
- Radioactive waste shipped to Envirocare for disposal

# Major Decommissioning Activities



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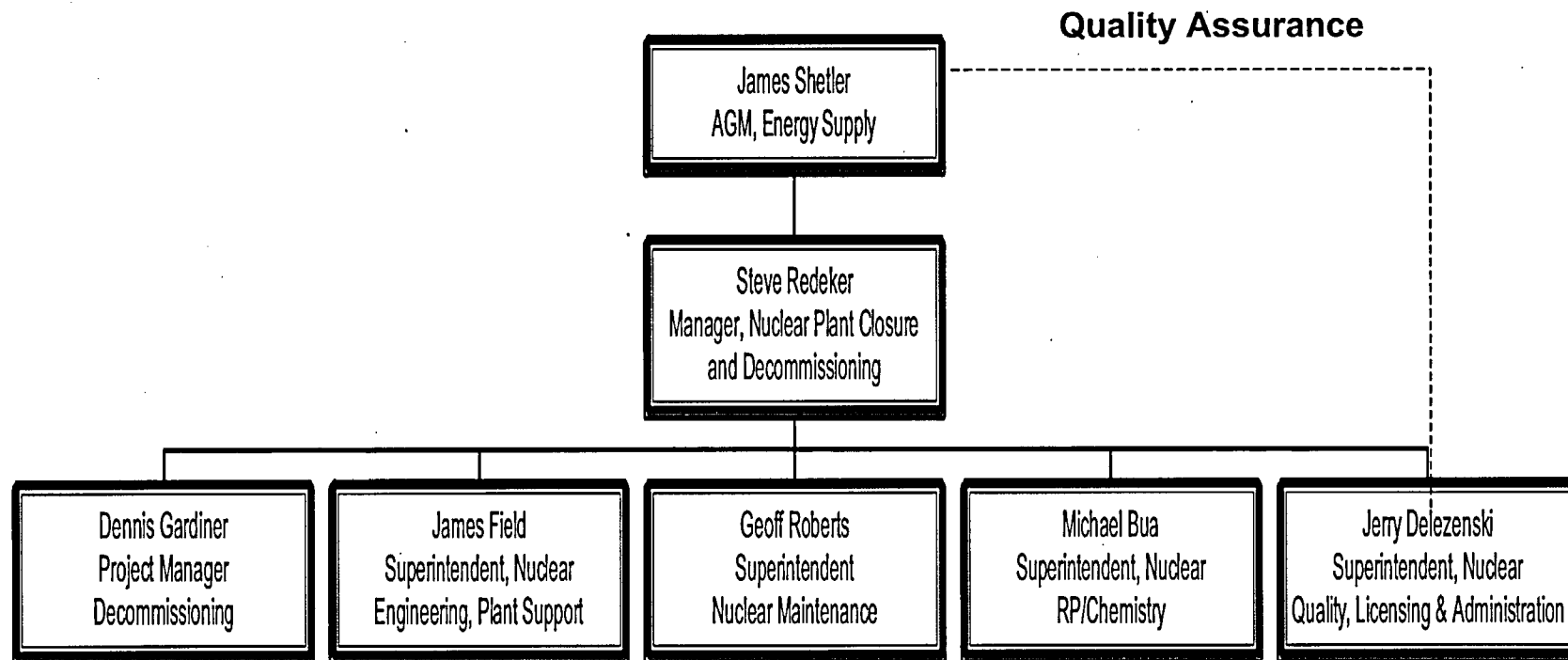
# Remaining Major Tasks

- Reactor Vessel Project
  - Internals (2004-2005)
  - Vessel (2005-2006)
- Steam Generators (2005-2006)
- Spent Fuel Building & Pool
- Systems and components
  - Buried & Embedded Piping
  - Ventilation
- Building decontamination
- Final Status Surveys

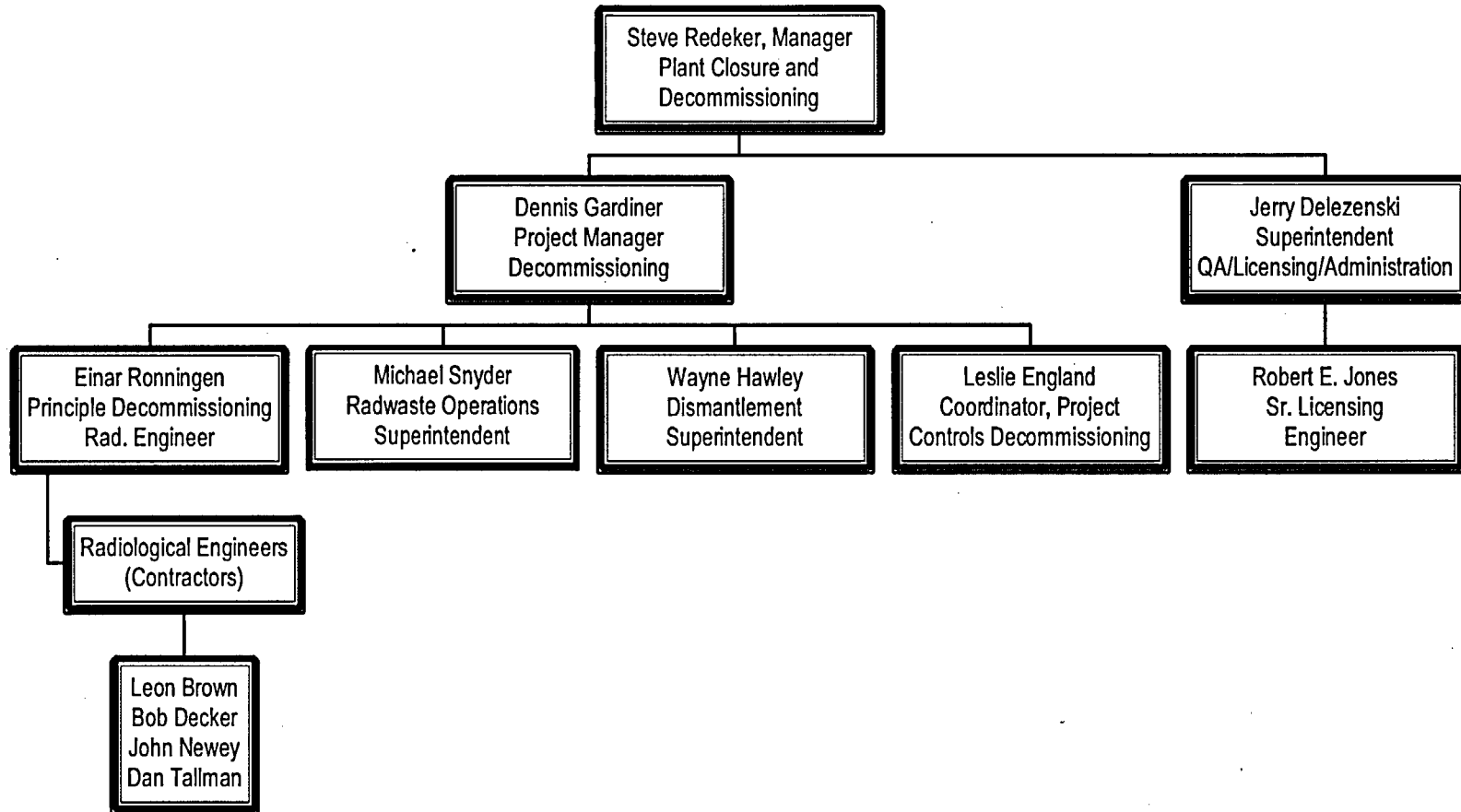
# Total Remaining Costs

- Total work remaining: \$222.4M
- Trust fund: \$91M
- Annual funding rate: \$27M
- Last payment in 2008
- SMUD Board of Directors has authority to adjust funding rate (i.e., not PUC regulated)

# Rancho Seco Organization



# Project Organization



# License Termination Approach

- Phase I
  - Complete major decommissioning activities
  - Submit LTP to NRC
  - FSS for site except Interim Onsite Storage Building
- Phase II
  - Store Class B & C radioactive waste in Interim Onsite Storage Building (IOSB)
  - Ship Class B & C waste for disposal
  - FSS for Interim Onsite Storage Building
- Survey to MARSSIM guidance and site-specific DCGLs
  - 25 mrem/yr (for all pathways included in dose model)
  - ALARA

# LTP Development

- Consistent with NRC Guidance Documents
  - Regulatory Guide 1.179 – LTP format & content
  - NUREG-1700 – Standard Review Plan for LTPs
  - NUREG-1757 – NMSS Decommissioning Guidance
- Use previous industry experience
- Developed RAI database
- Maintain ongoing communications with NRC
- Incorporate NRC feedback
- Minimize NRC RAIs

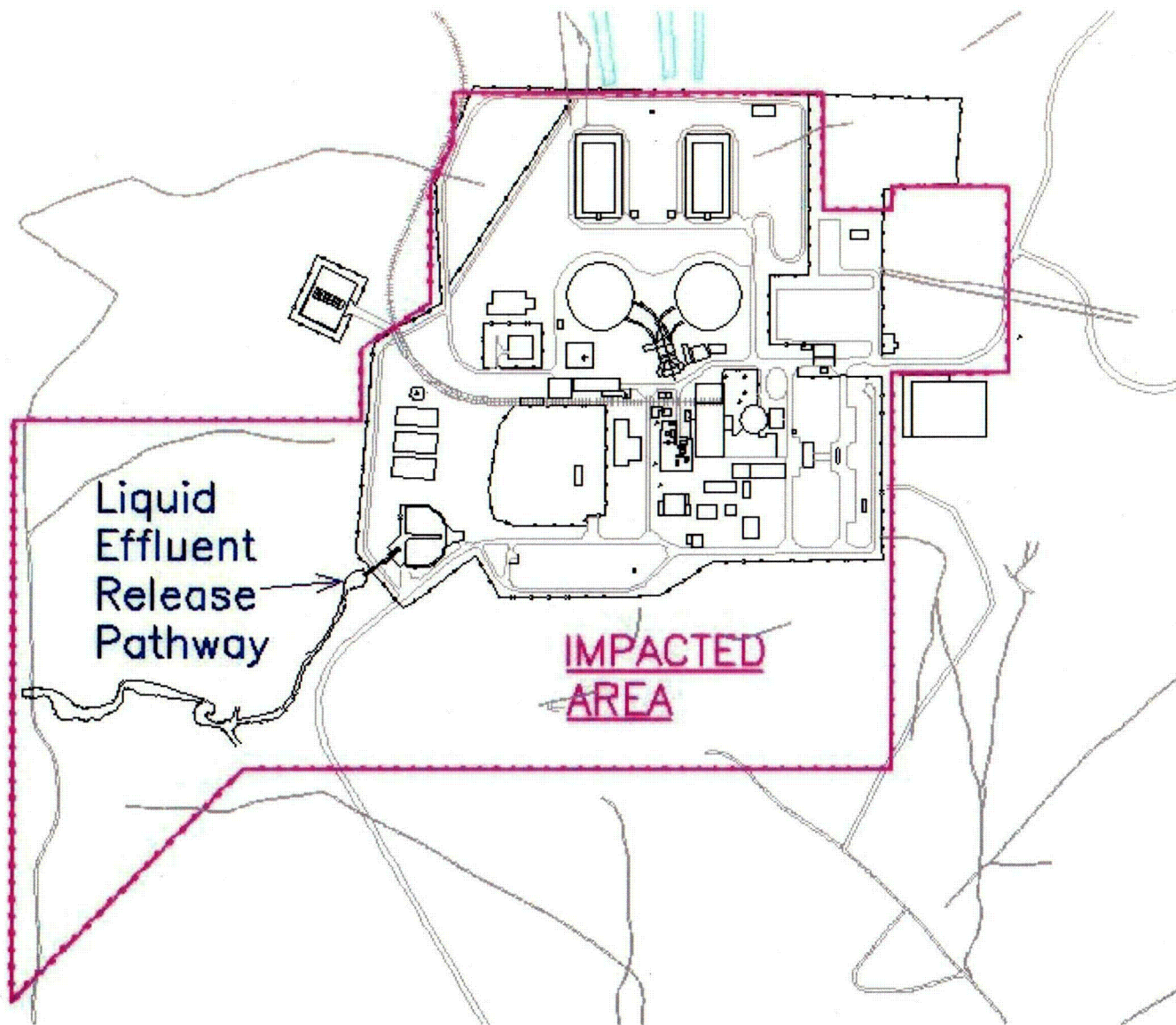


# HSA and Site Characterization

- HSA considers:
  - Prior site survey data
  - 10 CFR 50.75(g) required records
  - Personnel interviews (150 observations)
- HSA provides input into site characterization
- The HSA report will be summarized in the LTP
- Site Characterization:
  - Identifies ongoing sampling and measurement needs
  - Provides the basis for area and survey unit classification
  - Supports remediation planning

# Site Characterization Summary

- No known groundwater contamination
- Reactor Building activated concrete
- Impacted soil
  - Onsite
  - Outside of Industrial Area from liquid effluent releases
- Sub-surface soil contamination



# Dose Modeling

- SMUD will retain site ownership and continue to use site
- Industrial worker scenario
  - structures
  - soils
- Computer Codes
  - RESRAD
  - RESRAD-BUILD
  - DandD
- Probabilistic Mode for sensitivity analysis

# Dose Modeling (cont.)

- Basis for site-specific input parameters
  - Radionuclide mix
  - Geology, hydrology, meteorology, etc.
- Hydrogeology
  - Previous studies
    - Original siting
    - Proposed evaporation pond
  - Bring in a hydrogeologist
    - Confirm no groundwater contamination
    - Additional wells based on hydrogeologist recommendations
- NRC guidance
  - NUREG-1757, Volume 2 – Decommissioning guidance
  - NUREG/CR-5512 – computer code comparisons
  - NUREG/CR-6697 – probabilistic distributions for RESRAD

# Final Status Survey Development

- Based on MARSSIM
  - DQO process
  - Survey unit classification
- Anticipated site conditions at time of FSS
  - Major concrete structures in place
  - Temporary buildings removed
  - Maintain site as an industrial facility
- Monitoring instrumentation
- FSS plan contained in LTP

# Projected Schedule

Submit LTP	June 2005
Public meeting	October 2005
NRC issue RAIs	March 2006
RAI response	June 2006
NRC approves LTP	December 2006
Complete Phase I - FSS	December 2008
Complete Phase II - dispose of Class B & C waste; FSS for IOSB	Based on suitable disposal site (2030)

# Future Meeting Topics

- Site Characterization
- Dose Modeling
- Hydrogeologic investigations and groundwater monitoring
- Final Status Survey
- Routine conference calls to discuss status and resolve issues
- NRC visit to Rancho Seco site