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Re: **License SUC-1591**, WRT Uranium Water Treatment – General License Registration
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| Treatment vessel size (dia x ht) | 3 ft x 6 ft |
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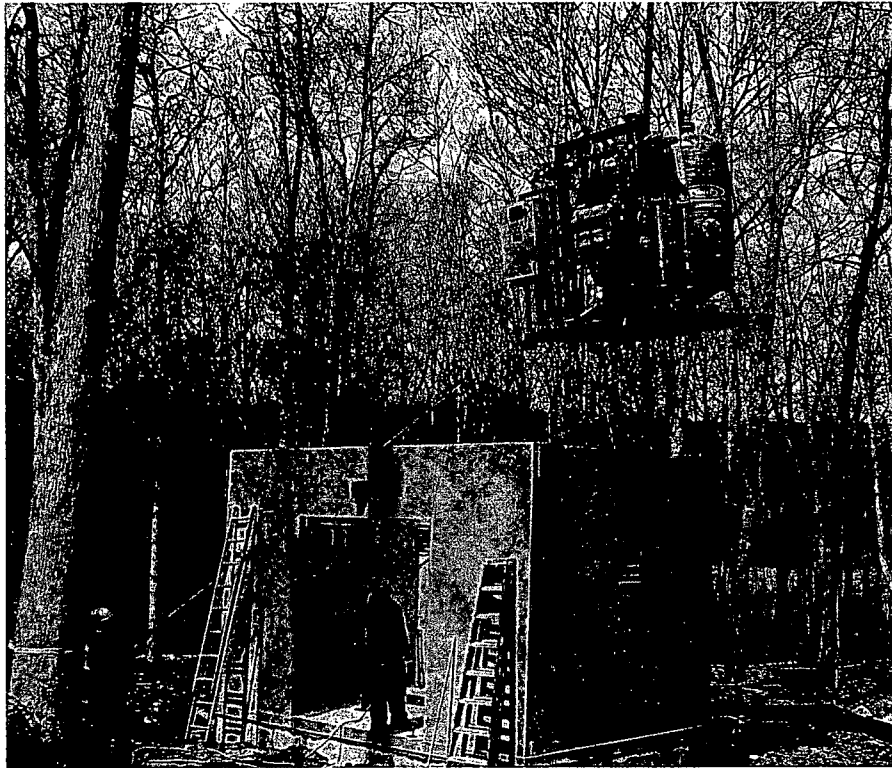
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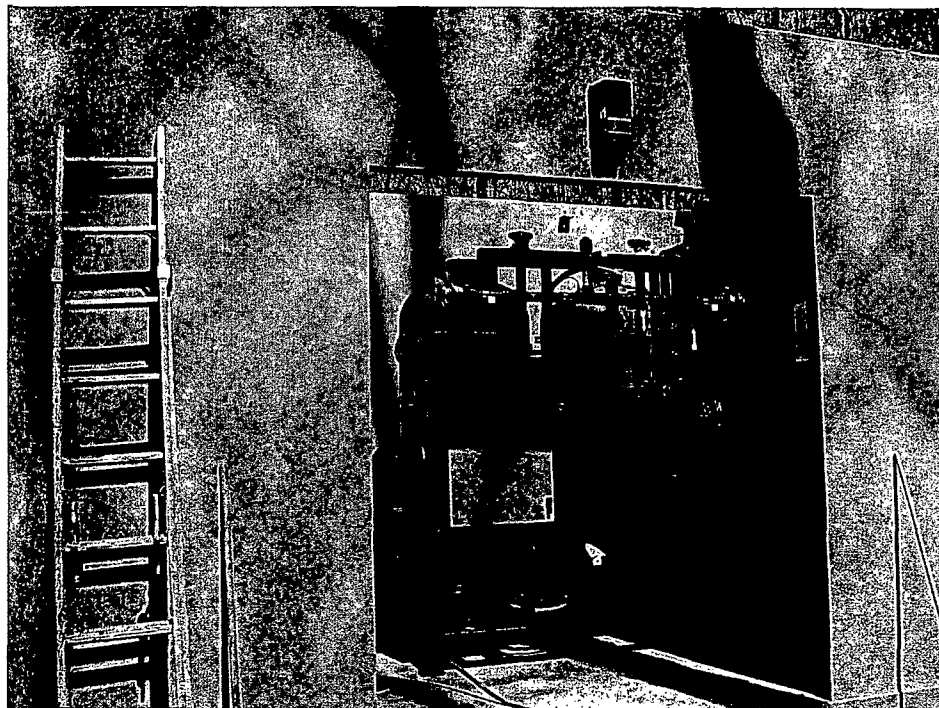
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| Storage Tanks | | | |
| Storage Areas | n/a | | |
| Radwaste Areas | n/a | | |
| Maintenance Shop | n/a | | |
| Equipment Decontamination Areas | n/a | | |
| Other (specify) | Two (2) self-contained treatment vessels | 3 ft dia x 6 ft high | 85 cu ft, cumulative |