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# **LOUISIANA BUILDING DESIGN**

**TECHNICAL REVIEW**  
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# Presentation Overview

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- Summary of LA design process
- Design differences relative to WA
  - » site layout
  - » mid station (Valve Station)
  - » climate
- LA cost estimate

# Design Process Summary

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- The initial LA design started as copy of the WA FDR design, modified for:
  - » differences in site requirements
  - » available property
  - » HVAC load
  - » Drainage
- Facilities Group conducted a table top review on June 11, 1996, at Parsons

# Design Process (ctd)

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- Contacted LSU and Woodward Clyde for a recommendation of an A/E firm familiar with standard building practices in the Gulf coast region.
- Selected and retained John Desmond Associates to review the Parsons design and make recommendations.

# Design Process (ctd)

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- Reviewed John Desmond Comments with Parsons for resolution
- Technical review board approval desired to ratify that proper design considerations have been implemented.

# LA Requirement Differences

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- Two interferometers
  - » Buildings sized to accommodate two full length interferometers
- Mid station
  - » No half size interferometer at Mid Station
  - » Gate valve protection only

# LA Design Differences

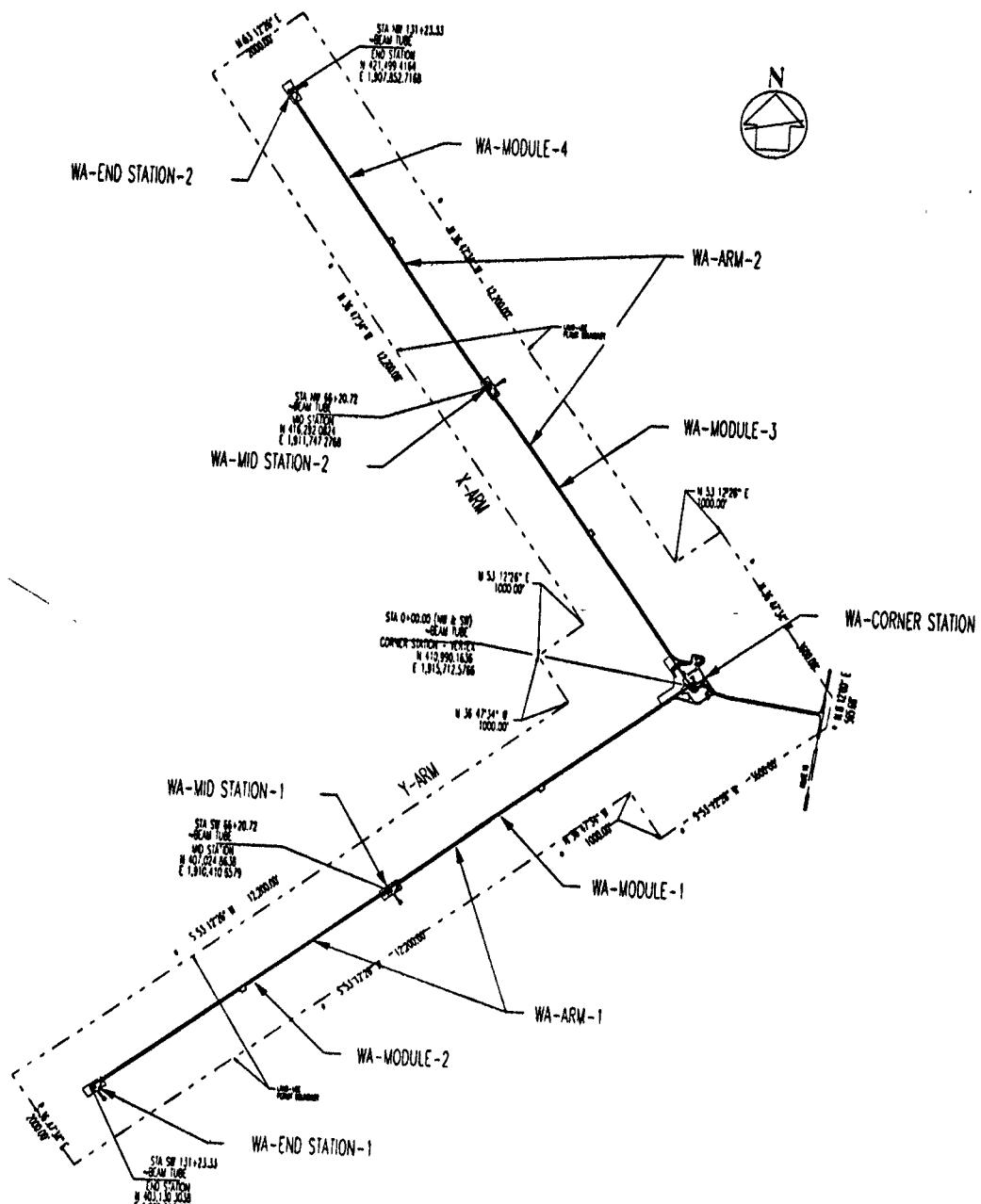
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- Site Property

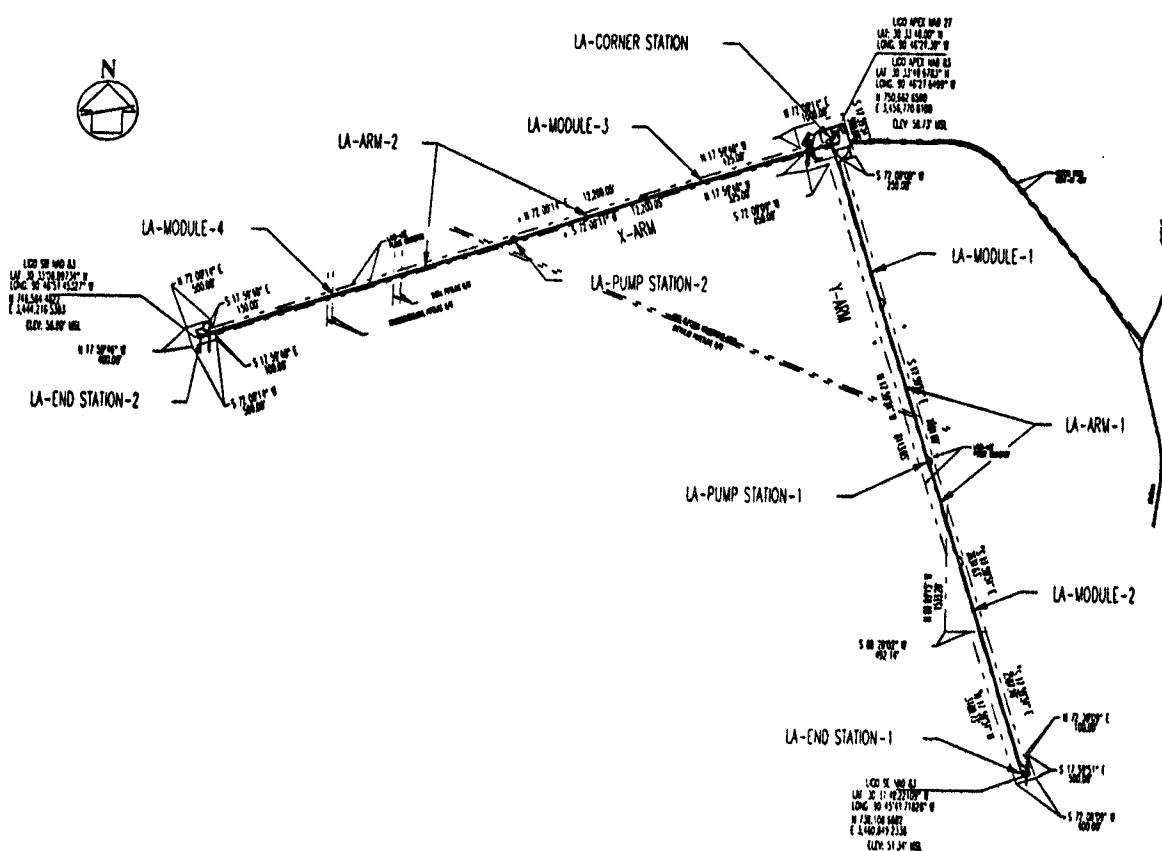
- » Purchased/leased minimum land required for construction and operation
- » Property boundary constraints required different layout

- Environmental

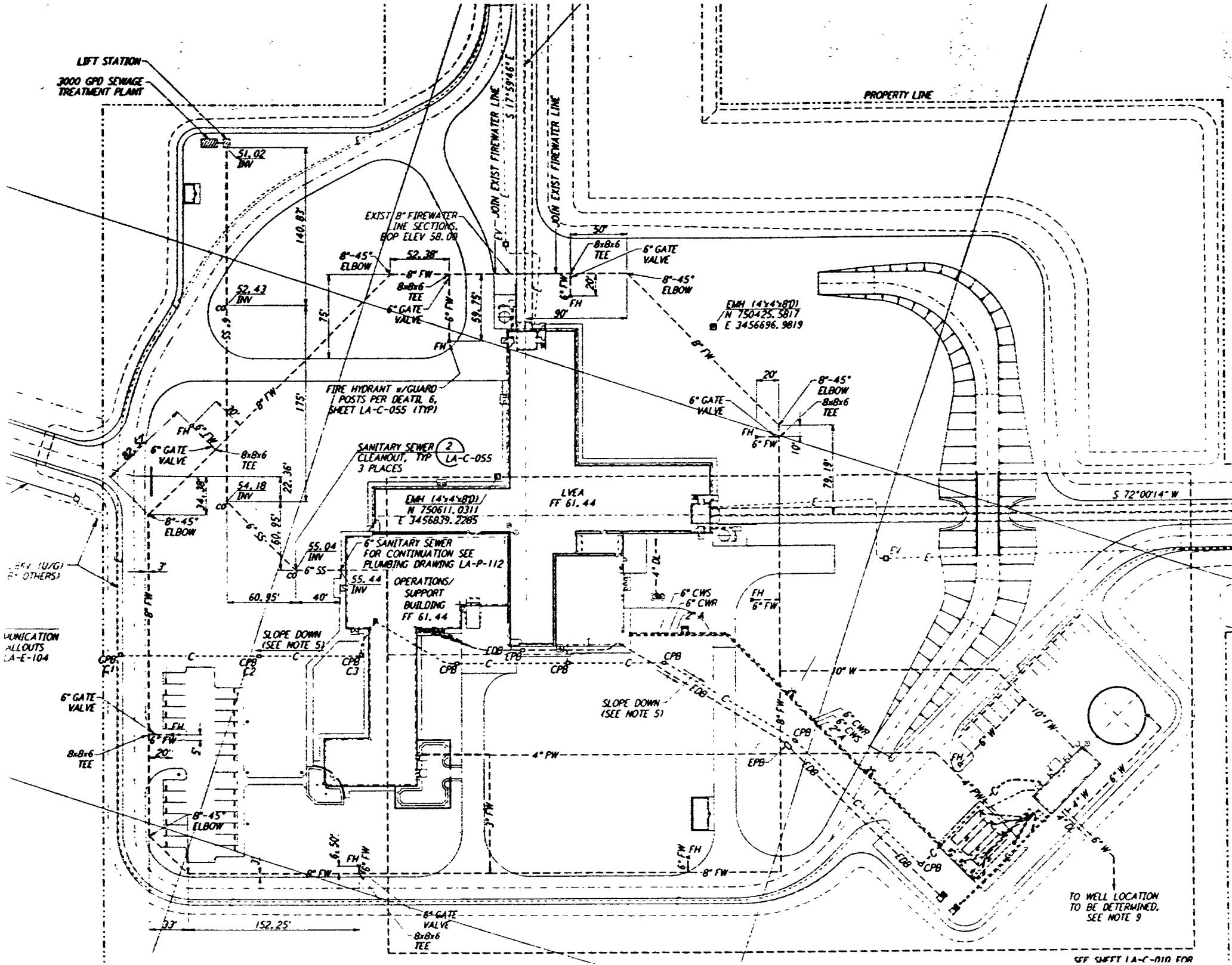
- » Flat plain (flood conditions)
- » High water table (settlement)
- » High humidity/precipitation
- » Difficult drainage



Hanford Property Boundaries



Livingston Property Boundaries





## **E BEAM TUBE**

64-90-21  
BC ROAD  
BEGIN WORK • MID-POINT  
PUMP STATION

S 72°00'14" W

N 748589.9918  
E 3450525.4286

66-1725  
300THM51287 MM-PD/HY  
N 748592.2102

67-11-70  
TC & ROAD  
NO WORK • NO POINT

## LIMIT OF BITUMINOUS - ROAD SURFACE (TYP)

*BOLLARD*

**MID-POINT PUMP  
STATION BUILDING**

20  
10° + 10°

10<sup>2</sup>

9

152

MID  
STA  
6.5  
(7)

10

1

20

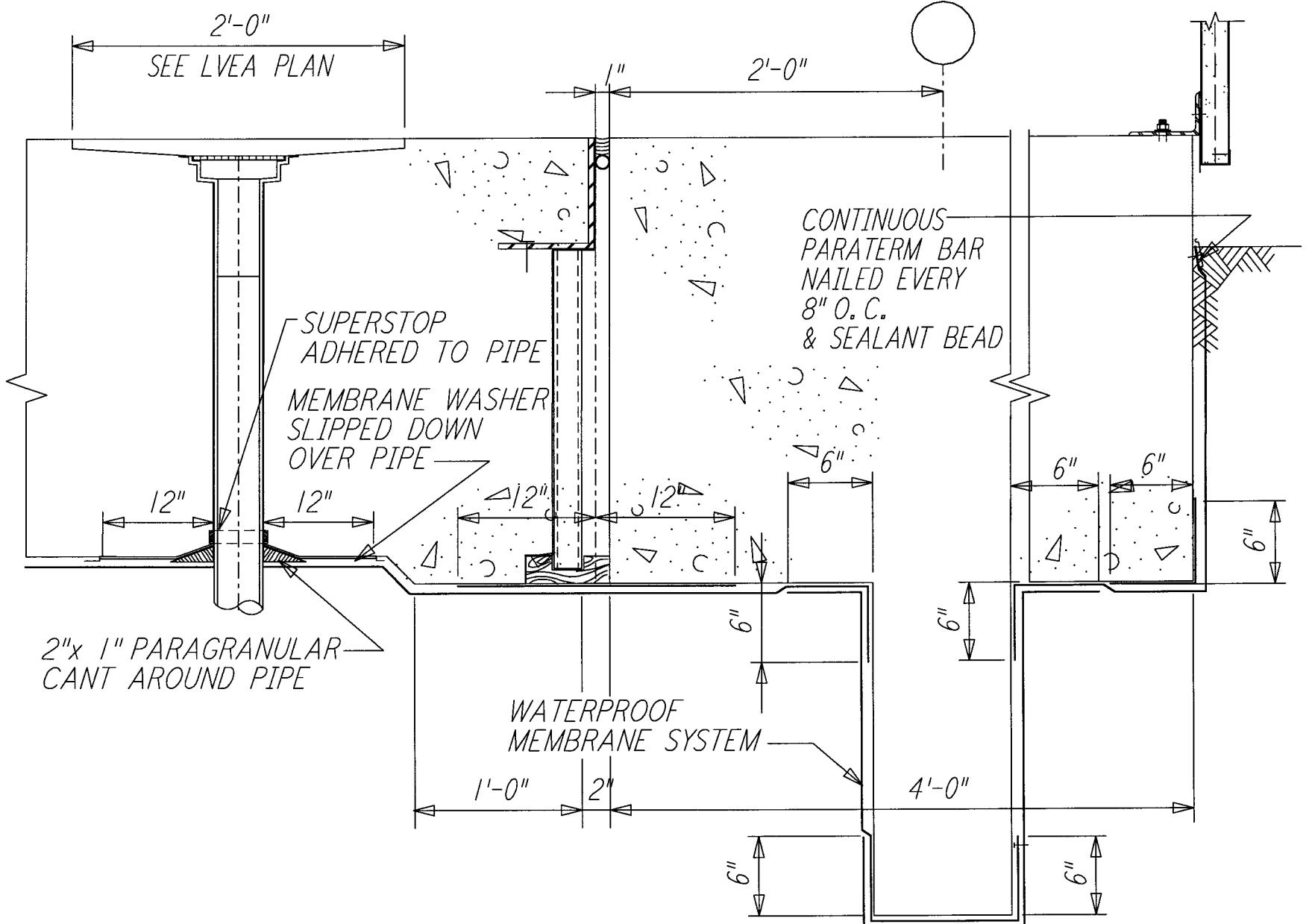
**LIMIT OF BITUMINOUS  
ROAD SURFACE (TYP)**

CONCRETE PARKING BUMPER 4  
TYP - 3 PLACES LA-C-051

# Foundation Work

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- Slab versus piles
  - » Woodward Clyde recommended slab foundation
  - » Parsons designers concurred
  - » Instrumented RG to validate settlement
- Bentonite sealant on rubber mat around foundation
  - » Installation sequence for slab and foundation to be determined by building contractor



THRU FLOOR PENETRATION

1" = 1'-0"

6  
REF  
LA-A-429

K/LA-S-101  
LA-A-101

# Ceiling Panels

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- Charles Martin, LSU VP, recommended the use of 2x2 ceiling panels in place of the originally planned 4x4 panels:
  - » Current design uses 2x2 panels
  - » J. Desmond concurred that either size was acceptable (except for prolonged shut downs)

# Valve station requirements

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- Initial requirements were not specific
- Developed a set of requirements
  - Joint effort with Systems Engineering
  - Resulted in a “wish list”
- Parsons cost estimate for the ensuing design was deemed too expensive
  - \$175K per station
- Reduced requirements to minimal needs
  - Weather protection for valve only

# Valve station design alternatives

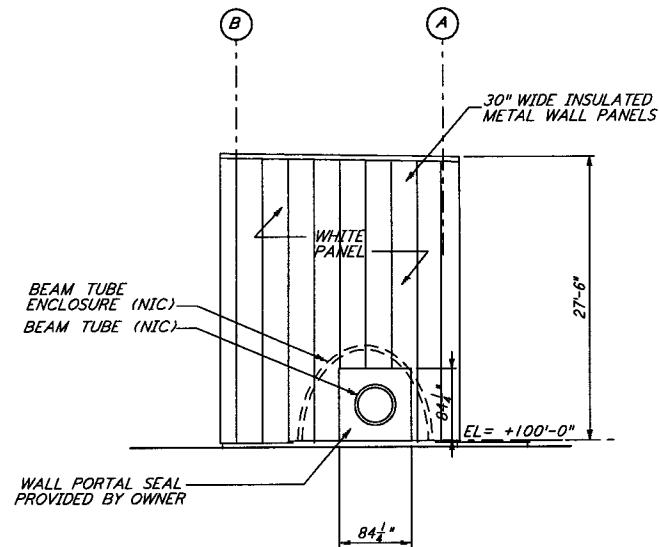
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- With environmental control (HVAC system) and electrical power
  - Fully engineered and Pre-engineered full size building
  - Pre-engineered with removable roof for valve removal
- Weather protection only
  - Engineered and pre-engineered metal frame building
  - Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) with steel framed roof system
- Design selection
  - Buildings with HVAC and permanent Power far exceeded budget cost
  - Tough CMU was lowest cost, selected the Engineered building to match the other site buildings

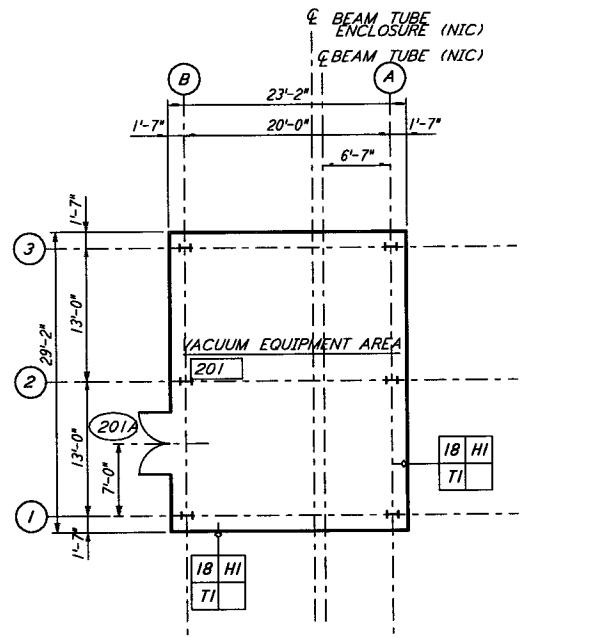
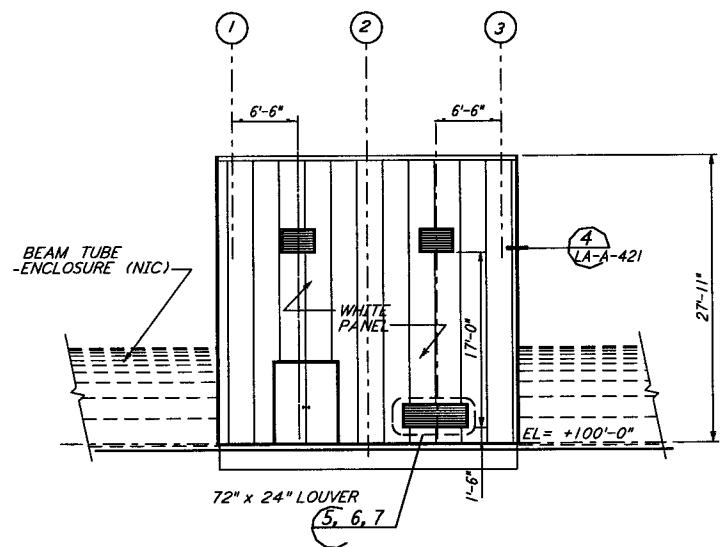
# Valve station design

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- Weather protection for valve only
  - no power, no water, no HVAC
  - Conduit stub-ups, same as 250 m points
  - internal roof height of 23 feet to accommodate gate valve disassembly
  - floor space of 20 x26 feet for clear area around valve
  - 6 x 8 foot roll up door for gate valve installation
  - Louvers provide ventilation
  - Entire foundation acts as the termination slab
- Operational considerations
  - Power is only required during acceptance testing and bake; this can be installed on a temporary basis
  - Valve operation during operation is minimal and can be accomplished either manually or with portable generator



ELEVATION  
 $\frac{1}{8}$ " = 1'-0"  
LA-A-201



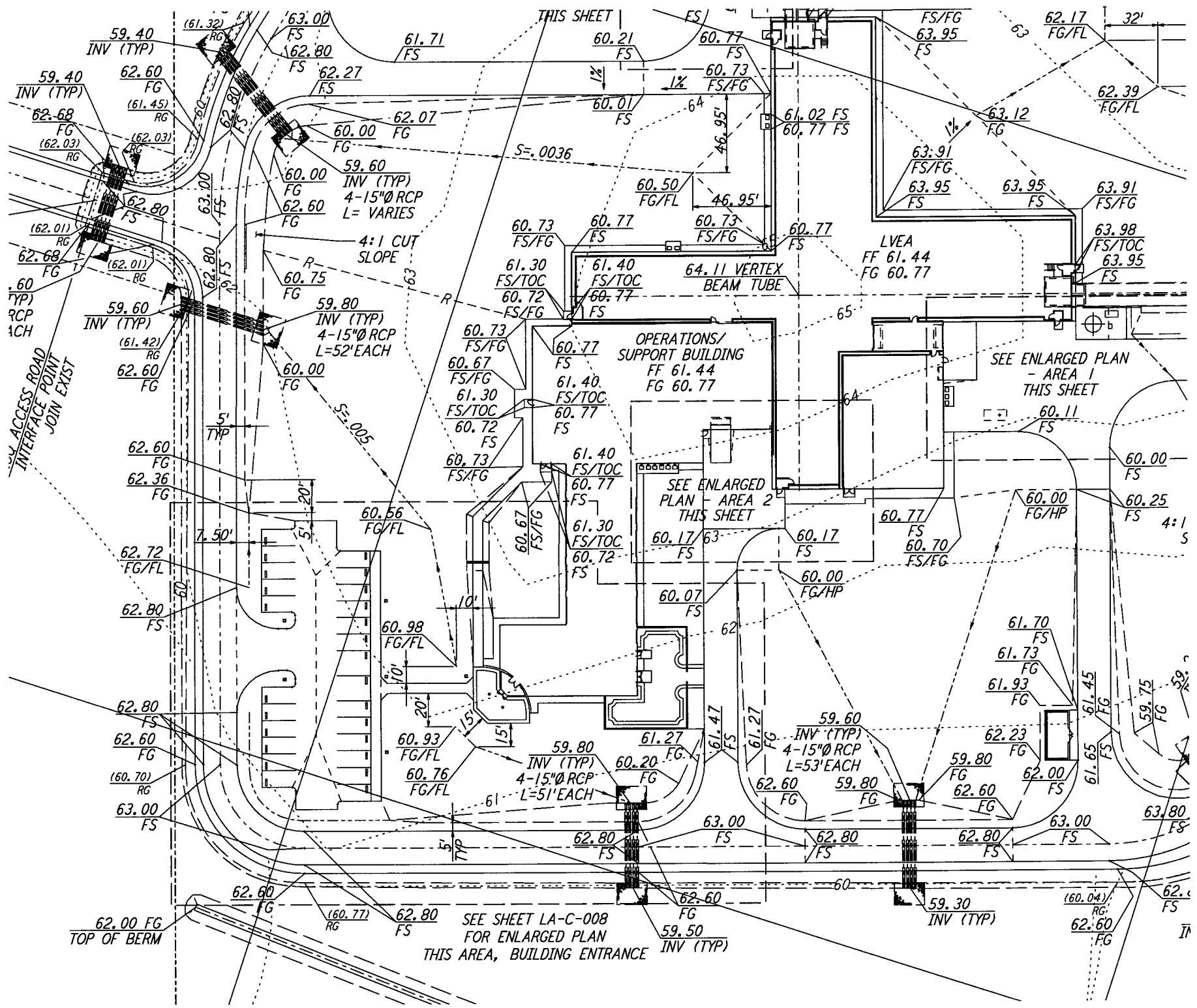
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MID STATION "B" FLOOR PLAN  
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LA-A-201

# Rain-Roof-Wall-Drainage

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- Concern over water influx at eves, through wall and on top of foundation
  - Specifications for wall panels, caulking provisions, mud sill and eve details were reviewed by Desmond his recommendations incorporated by Parsons
- Drainage provisions
  - 30 " retaining wall at "back" side of LVEA
  - Corner station area drains away from buildings using culverts under service roads
  - All building floors are above 500 year flood level



# Critical Elevations

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- At Corner Station:

» Top of Beam Tube Enclosure Slab	64.05 ft
» LVEA Finish Floor (same as OSB)	61.44 ft
» Top of Final Grade (outside OSB)	60.77 ft
» LVEA Bottom of technical foundation	60.0 ft
» Existing Grade (Average at Corner)	59.0 ft
» 500 year flood level	59.6 ft

# HVAC

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- Higher environmental loads in LA
  - » lower temperatures but higher humidity
- Design is the same as WA
  - » less building sq. ft
- Design includes humidifiers in LA to meet minimum 30% RH specification
  - » recommend that this apparatus be removed

# Livingston Relative Humidity (RH)

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- LIGO RH criteria                            20% to 70%
  - Parsons RH design                            >30% to <70%
  - Lowest RH (without humidifiers)        18%
  - Number of hours per year at <30%    340hrs
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- Cost Estimate for humidification system \$55K

# John Desmond Recommendation

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- Six comments received July 3, 1996:
  - Below Slab Membrane
  - Mud-Sill Detail
  - Eave Detail
  - Roof Edge
  - Curved Wall Base
  - Metal Doors and Frames
- All comments have been resolved
  - Parsons has modified some of the sealing details
  - Type of below slab Bentonite membrane was new to Desmond

# Cost summary

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- Parsons estimate \$ 15.15 M
- Cost book \$ 16.50 M
- Uncertainties (Compared to Hanford)
  - » different business environment
  - » lower labor costs
  - » higher aggregate material costs
  - » longer construction period due to weather