Glenn Research Center

Propulsion Systems Laboratory, Cells No. 1 and No. 2

Section 106 Checksheets

Project, activity or undertaking:	FY2006 Demolition of Power Systems Laboratory (PSL) Cells 1&2 and adjacent facilities (Bldgs.65,66, 67, 73,95,96 97)
Project Description and reasons for undertaking:	PSL 1 & 2 have not been used for research since the 1980s. The exterior of the facilities are deteriorating and require significant maintenance. Although presently housing personnel in office and shop space, the mechanical and electrical systems are obsolete and in need of replacement, and the life safety systems are inadequate. Without extensive maintenance the facility will become a safety hazard.
	The project will demolish test cells 1 & 2 of PSL and adjacent facilities. The demolition of a major structure will require the abatement of Lead Based Paint , Asbestos Containing Materials, isolated Mercury contamination and lubricating oils. The demolition will entail the removal of all of test chambers, the test infrastructure, the building structure, and the concrete foundations of PSL 1 & 2. Approximately 1000 tons of steel which will be shipped off site to be recycled as part of the demolition.
	Demolition will reduce maintenance costs and clear the land for future research facilities.
Ohio Historic Inventory form number	CUY-4587-15
Project manager or Point of Contact:	Eric Patton
Date:	July 19, 2006
Date of GRC Evaluation Checklist/REC:	Not submitted yet.
GRC Facility Preservation Officer:	Leslie Main

Step 1. Initiate Section 106 Process	
Are federal funds involved? If no, then proceed	Yes. The demolition of PSL 1 & 2 will be funded from the NASA
with undertaking since not subject to further	Construction of Facilities (CoF) Program
Section 106 review.	
Is undertaking the type of activity that could affect	Yes.
historic properties? If no, then proceed with	
undertaking since not subject to further Section 106	
review.	
Identify potential consulting parties.	The Ohio Historic Preservation Office, the Western Reserve
	Historical Society, the Cleveland Landmarks Commission, NASA
	Retirees, the NASA History Office, the Cleveland Restoration
	Society, and the cities of Cleveland, Fairview Park, North Olmsted,
	and Brook Park.
	There are no known Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO)
	with interest in Lewis Field.
Develop a plan to provide the public with an	A Community Awareness meeting was held on April 27, 2006 on
opportunity to learn and discuss undertaking.	the GRC Campus. Meeting announcements were sent to local
opportunity to learn and discuss undertaking.	public libraries (Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Brookpark,
	Cleveland Public), the Sun Post/Sun Herald, and the Cleveland
	Plain Dealer. Announcements were sent to NASA retirees and an
	announcement was published in GRC's Aerospace Frontiers.
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	The meeting discussed the history of PSL 1 & 2, the demolition
	process, the environmental impact, and the historical mitigation
	process. The meeting ended with a Question and Answer session.

Submit to SHPO and request consultation.	May 4, 2004
Step 2. Identify Historic Properties	
Identify if Significant:	
A. Significant due to association with events	Yes. PSL 1 was initially used to examine turbojet engines, but after the Sputnik I launch, it was used for mainly missile studies. From the beginning, PSL 2 was used for ramjet and rocket studies, but later became involved in more complex rocket systems. One of the first PSL tests investigated a 48 inch ramjet for the Navajo Missile Program. These ignition and inlet tests lasted for several years. By that time the need for such a missile had diminished, but the research improved future ramjets. Other early tests included the Bomarc ramjet, the J79 engine, and 2.5k and Isentropic rockets. By the 1960s, both PSL chambers were used for rocket engine studies. Some of the PSL's most important tests were in the mid-1960s on the RL-10 engine, which were used to power the Centaur rocket. The RL-10 rocket engine was essential to the Apollo mission. The RL-10 program, like Centaur before it, was transferred from Marshall to NASA Lewis in 1966. By the late 1960s, PSL research returned to turbojets, including exhaust nozzle and hypersonic tests. The PSL chambers were used to improve the GE 1/10, TF30-P-3, TFE-731, and F-104 aircraft's J85 engines.
B. Significant due to association with persons	No association.

No distinct characteristics
No. The PSL 1 & 2 was built on top of fill that was placed in the 1930's and 1940's to fill in ravines. This fill can vary from 10 to 65 feet. Because of this fill, no important information could be obtained from this site
Property retains much of its original integrity, but the two test chambers and the associated high pressure air piping would need to be recertified before any research could be performed. The controls for PSL 1 & 2 have been completely removed from the facility and the former control room is vacant. The supporting mechanical and electrical systems are obsolete and in need of replacement. The structure around the test equipment is intact but deteriorating. The current annual maintenance costs for the facility are \$76,000.
Effects (APE)
Not applicable for PSL 1 & 2.
Disturbance is expected during demolition, but due to the fill that the facility was built on, this will have no effect on the area.
Visible from Westover, Walcott and Moffet Roads on GRC campus. The facility is not visible to the general public.
The site will be paved after demolition for stormwater control. The paving will be suitable for parking. Because of the site's proximity to the unique research utilities at GRC, the site could be a location for a future research facility.

Gather information on the APE	
See Appendix A for the OHI forms, which include the	ne site plan and building plan, and Appendix B for photographs of the
facility.	
Identify historic properties within the APE	
The property is located within an area that the Gray of	& Pape 2002 Survey identified as eligible for listing as a Historic
District. The property is in the vicinity of the Zero C	Gravity NHL.
Evaluate Historic Significance of Property; NASA	Determination of Eligible or Ineligible
Eligible. Continue to Step 3 of Section 106 process	The PSL #1 & #2 Complex is eligible for listing on the NRHP
	because of its contributions to the development of the RL-10 engine,
	which was used in the Apollo program and the development of jet
	engines.
Step 3. Assessing Adverse Effects	
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Finding of Adverse Effect	
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Continue to Step 4 of the Section 106 process.	
Continue to step 4 of the section 100 process.	
Step 4. Resolving Adverse Effects	
Avoiding Adverse Effects	
A. Moving the undertaking to an alternate site	This alternative is not applicable for PSL 1 & 2. There are facilities
	at GRC that duplicate and expand upon the capabilities of PSL 1 &
	2.
B. Using an alternative design	1. Removing all of the test equipment and supporting utilities but
	leaving the exterior shell is an alternative, but the cost to renovate
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	the building structure and install new mechanical, electrical, and life safety systems would be cost prohibitive and would provide no historic benefit. Also, the existing foundations for the Test Chambers were specifically designed and could not be easily modified for any new test equipment.
	2. One alternative that NASA is investigating would be to remove one of the test chambers, clean it up, and display the old test chamber outside of newer test facility, PSL 3 & 4 (Building 125), as an historical and an educational interpretive display. The newer test chambers are of a similar arrangement but much larger in size and can simulate higher altitudes.
C. Pursuing an alternative to the undertaking	The rehabilitation of PSL 1 & 2 was considered, but because of the greater capability of the newer PSL 3 & 4, the funds for maintaining and expanding the capability for this type of research would be a better investment if directed to the newer facility.
D. No undertaking at all.	NASA has chosen the approach of minimal investment over the past 20+ years. Modular offices were installed in portions of the facility and the low voltage electrical system was maintained to supply power to these offices. But there has been no other investment in the rest of the structure during the last two decades. As a good steward of government assets, with the increasing awareness of Safety and Environmental concerns of the deteriorating structure, NASA believes that something must be done within the next few years.
Mitigation Measures	
Alternative design & limiting the magnitude of the project.	NASA is planning the complete demolition of PSL 1 & 2. NASA is considering retaining on of the test chambers, moving it closer to PSL 3 & 4, and preparing it as an historical and an educational

	interpretation area. The test chamber would become a tour stop for guided tours of Lewis Field.
Alternative location or limiting the magnitude of the project.	There are no alternative locations. Keeping the building shell was considered, but there was no historical or practical benefit to this alternative.
Rehabilitating some historic properties	Adjacent to the newer facility, PSL 3 & 4, is the Icing Research Tunnel (IRT). The IRT is already considered a national landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and may be eligible for listing on the NRHP. Both the IRT and PSL 3 & 4 are current tour stops for guided tours of Lewis Field. Moving one test chamber near to and improving the educational displays at PSL 3 & 4 are an alternative being considered.
Planning for preservation and maintenance	Funding for preservation and maintenance will be directed to PSL 3 & 4.
 Moving historic properties or marketing the property for donation, sale, or lease 	Due to the size and obsolescence of the structure, this alternative would not be feasible.
Documenting property before destroying it	NASA is planning the following Historic Mitigation and Documentation for PSL 1 & 2; 1) NASA is investigating feasibility of retaining one test chamber and setting it up as interpretive educational site and tour stop. If this is feasible, NASA will produce museum quality display boards the show the history of PSL 1 & 2 and the technology that was developed from the testing performed there. 2) A Community Awareness meeting was held on April 27, 2006 on the GRC Campus. Meeting announcements were
	sent to local public libraries (Fairview Park, North

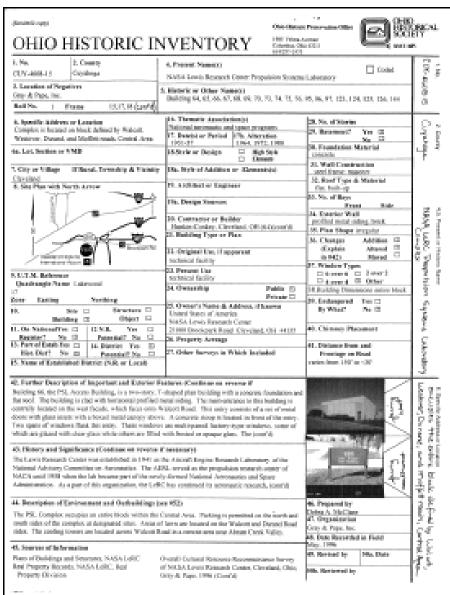
- Olmsted, Brookpark, Cleveland Public), the Sun Post/Sun Herald, and the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Announcements were sent to NASA retirees and an announcement was published in GRC's Aerospace Frontiers. The meeting discussed the history of PSL 1 & 2, the demolition process, the environmental impact, and the historical mitigation process. The meeting ended with a Question and Answer session. The meeting was video taped. Pamphlets with a brief description and history of PSL 1 & 2 were made available to the public.
- 3) A monograph will be published recording the history of the AWT. The monograph will include full-sized photographs.
- 4) A web site with public access will be developed for PSL 1 & 2. Historic photographs of the construction and testing within the test chamber will be available for viewing. Photographs of the current state of PSL 1 & 2 and photographs documenting the demolition of PSL 1 & 2 will also be available for viewing. The text from the monograph will also be available for viewing.
- 5) HAEB/HAERS documents of the PSL 1 & 2 complex will be prepared and archived. These documents will summarize the construction, historical context, technological significance, and a physical description of the facility. Included in this documentation will be selected photographs and architectural drawings from NASA's files.
- 6) NASA will collect, appraise, and maintain a collection of historically significant documents that will become a permanent record of PSL 1 & 2. These documents may

	include correspondence, architectural drawings, maps, scientific or engineering publications, and related materials. 7) NASA will update the photographic images by digitizing unscanned negatives and photographs and uploading them to the GRC Imagenet database. NASA will perform several 360 degree images of PSL 1 & 2 before demolition begins. NASA will compile film and video of tests performed in the test chambers and have the film/video digitized. From the above digitized files, NASA will produce a CD-ROM or DVD that will include photographs, panoramic photographs, video clips, and scanned documents. This disc could supplement the monograph or be distributed separately. 8) Oral interviews will be conducted with NASA retirees, facility and program managers, and others. These interviews will be recorded and transcribed. Selected interviews will be videotaped. 9) NASA will produce a documentary video that would describe the facility, its history, and research programs. The documentary may include interviews from Item 8.
Recovering data from archeological site	See Step 2d.
Accepting loss of historic property	NASA is willing to accept the loss of this property. It is the technology that was developed and tested in PSL 1 & 2 that is significant. Properly documenting these scientific and engineering developments are important. The structure of the PSL 1 & 2 complex, especially in its current state, does not have historical or technological significance.

	NASA Headquarters has concurred with and advocates the proposed demolition of the PSL 1 & 2 complex. With the Aeronautics Research budget being 1/17th of NASA's overall budget, funding for improving Aeronautics research facilities at GRC would be better invested in other wind tunnels (IRT, the 10x10 SWT, the 8x6 SWT) or the PSL #3 & #4.
	The facility has been out of service for more than 20 years. During that period of time, the control room for PSL 1 & 2 has been gutted and the test chambers left idle. Because the PSL 1 & 2 is a large structure, the maintenance costs for the facility are very high and the facility is in poor condition.
	There are no current NASA mission requirements for long-term use of the test chambers. The building is currently used to house contractor engineering and maintenance staff, who could be housed in any facility.
	Currently, NASA GRC is a land-locked site. The area that will be cleared by the demolition of the PSL 1 & 2 complex will allow NASA to locate new research capability at that site. This will allow NASA to facilitate its primary mission.
Notify council – participate in consultation? Consulting parties involved in discussion Public comment & involvement during resolution of adverse effects	Yes. NASA will invite the ACHP to consult in this process.
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Appendix A

OHI Forms



51. Condition of Property Excellent Rain GoodFair Destroyed/Barned Deterferated Date	St. Forward Plan	
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Photographs provided by NASA: C-90-99311, C-90-99295, C-90-09352, outaway schematic, C-79-4006, C-68791

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 PSL Cooling Tower No. 3: Service Support Building: Control Component Laboratory;
 PSL Cooling Tower No. 3: Service Support Building: PSL Desirator Air Dept. PSL Paul Storage Building: PSL Cooling Tower No. 6: PSL Paul Storage Building: PSL Cooling PSL Desirator Storage Building: PSL Cooling Tower No. 6; PSL Turbo-Expender No. 2.
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- 42. Building 65, the PS1. Altitude Chambers (Z), connects to the esteem end of Building 66. This building is a two-story, conserts structure that is retaingular in plan. Spans of multi-pure, Encory-type visualises are located on the rooth and south fundation that exceed floor level. Some windows are also located on the first floor, but there are obscured by a series of large steel pipes. This building was constructed between 1949 and 1952 by Treadwell Congruenties Co. and consisted of two study tanks supported as accurate foundations.

Building 97, the PSL Oxidant Storage Building, is a detached shed like structure. It has n concrete foundation and a gable noof servery with interlocking nestal. It is olded with restrict metal sixting. Windows are liceated on the north and south funders and are eight-pass. The west funder consists of a large range door, while metal entity does are located on the north and north faculties. These does are covered by this metal shed roofs. This building was stored in 1964 and measures 50 by 167.

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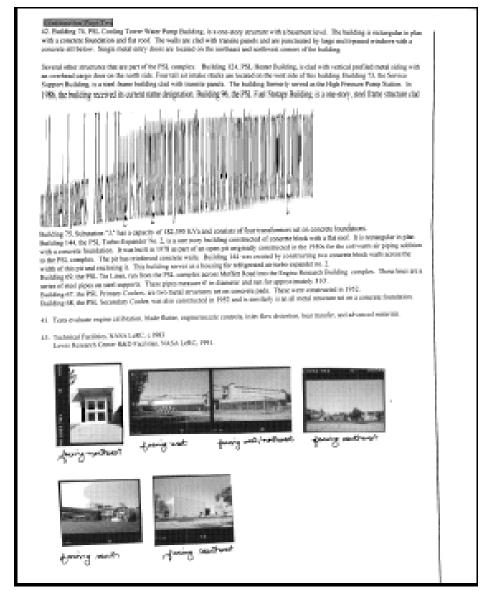
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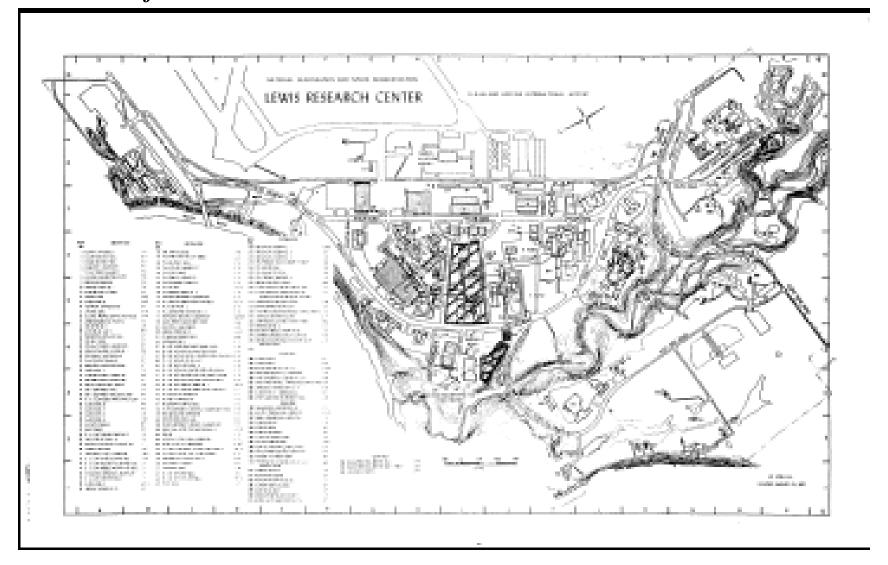
Building 123, PSI. Primary and Secondary Cooler, in a large pill-draped most structure that is connected to Building 125 by way of additional steel pipes. This building includes an enhance pieceus, day cooler, do-enters and waser cooled shell. It was constructed in 1972 by Printshapely.

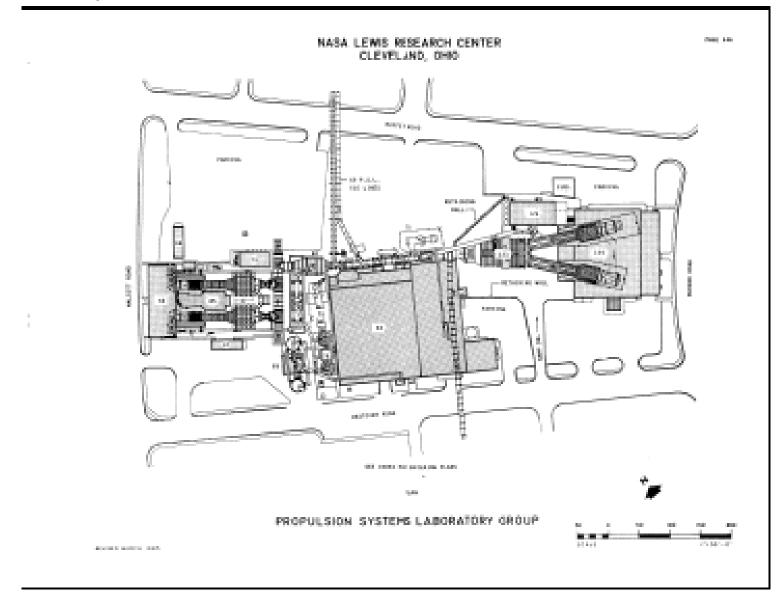
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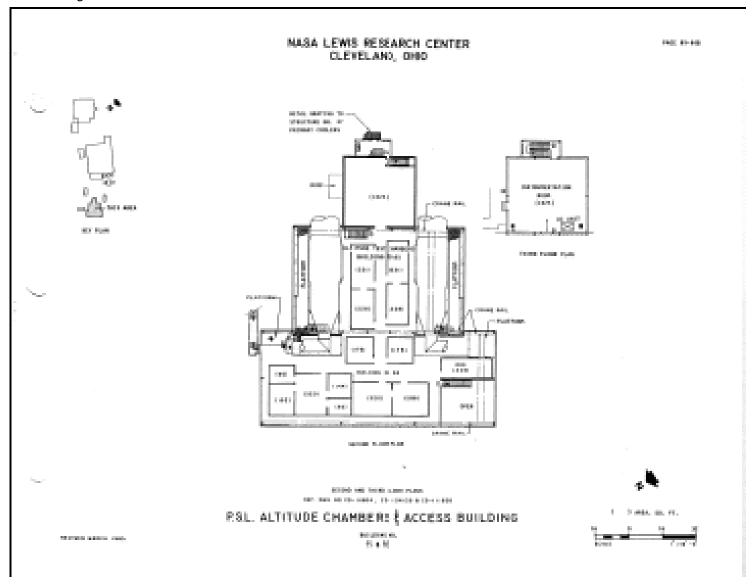
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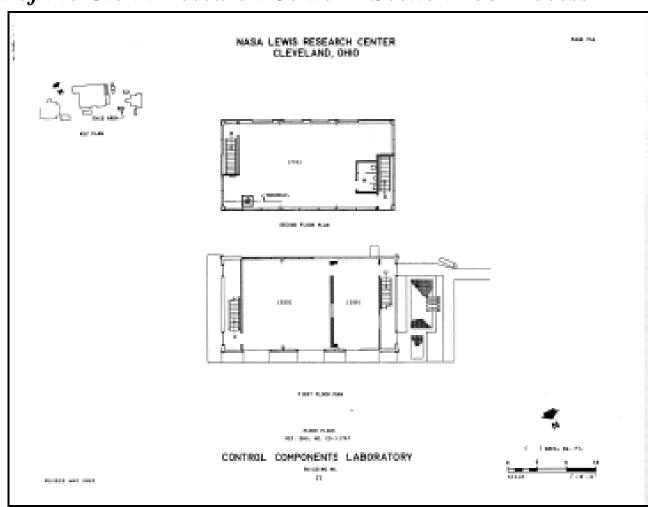
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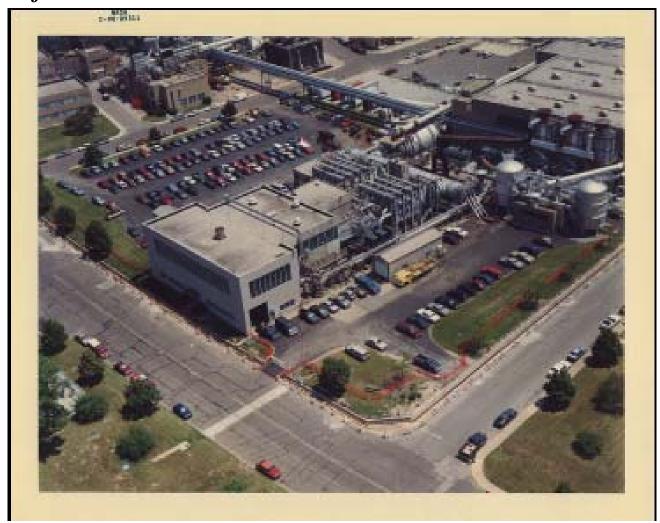










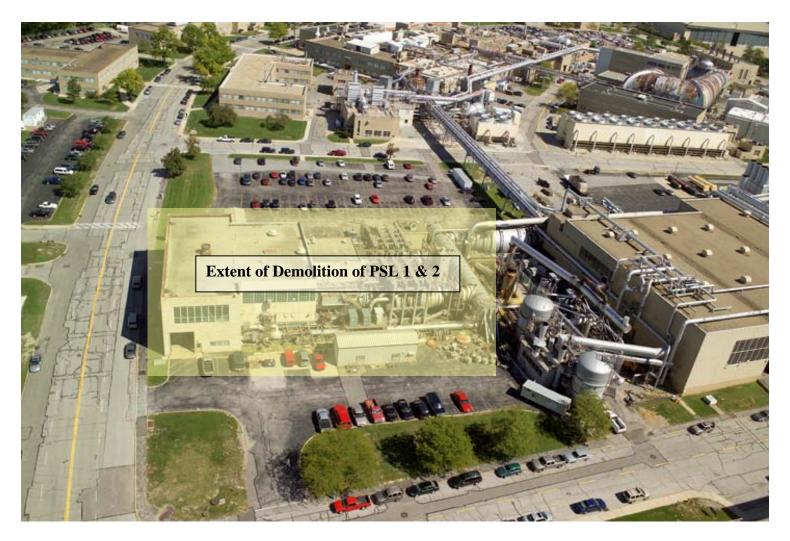


Photograph of PSL 1 & 2 from OHI Forms View of the Facility from the Southwest

Appendix B

Arial Photographs of the Propulsion Systems Laboratory

Cells No. 1 and No. 2



Photograph of PSL 1 & 2 Viewed from the South



Photograph of PSL 1 & 2 Viewed from the North



Photograph of PSL 1 & 2 Viewed from the Southeast