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Location: In northeast quadrant of mill complex, east of Grinding/Rod Mill, approximately three miles northwest of Naturita, between Colorado State Highway 141 to the southwest and the San Miguel River to the northeast; in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 46 North, Range 16 West

Date of Construction: Circa 1940

Designer: Vanadium Corporation of America

Builder: Vanadium Corporation of America, Naturita Mill Carpenter Crew; Dick Socks, head carpenter, Louis Naslund, carpenter

Present Owner: Cyprus-Amax Minerals Corporation, 9100 E. Mineral Circle, Englewood, CO, 80112

Present Use: Vacant / Not in Use

Significance: Built circa 1940, the Mine Warehouse was used to store a wide variety of mining equipment. Over the years, equipment such as drills, drill bits, Geiger counters, radiation counters, measuring tapes, ore picks, shovels, and other gear were stored here.

General Description: The Mine Warehouse was a single-story, simple rectangular building, constructed of 2x4 and 2x6 wood framing and interior wood posts supported by a wood piling foundation. The roof was a moderately sloped shed, and both walls and roof were sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. Flooring was 2x12 planking. A wood deck ran along the northwest (front) side of the building.

Two doors located on the northwest face, a paired, equipment door, and a smaller door were wood, and the building had no windows.

The interior of the building was lined floor-to-ceiling with large wood storage cubbyhole units.