

RARITAN ARSENAL, OFFICE BUILDING  
(Raritan Arsenal, Building 17)  
2890 Woodbridge Avenue  
Bonhamton Vicinity  
Middlesex County  
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-1061-I

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Bonhamton vicinity, Middlesex County, New Jersey

USGS Perth Amboy, New Jersey Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.554375.4484740

Significance: Office Building 17 played an important support role in the shops complex, which formed the industrial core of the Arsenal. The building is significant as a contributing structure in the development of the manufacturing plant at the Arsenal.

Description: This single-story building sits on a concrete slab foundation and is topped with a composition shingle gable roof with exposed rafter ends. The east and west walls are stucco over masonry construction; the north elevation has recently been covered with vinyl siding. The south elevation is connected to Building 18. The building has nine bays, with one-over-one light metal double-hung sash windows and a centered projecting gable-roof entry enclosure on the east and west elevations which is sided with vinyl. The north elevation is braced due to the recent demolition of Building 16, with which it shared a party wall. The interior finishes consist of adhesive wood panelling, a dropped ceiling, and metal doors. Enclosed offices are located at the north end and movable partitions are located at the south end.

History: The building was constructed in 1921 as permanent construction to house offices for the nearby manufacturing/assembly plant in Building 14 (HABS No. NJ-1061-D) and Building 19A (HABS No. NJ-1061-J). The building remains in use as offices. In 1943, the building was used as offices for Optical Shop S-1 (Building 18).

The building is owned by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and is currently used as offices. Documentation is being undertaken as part of the documentation of the entire shops complex, although this building is not presently scheduled for demolition.

Sources: Metcalf & Eddy. Archives Search Report for Raritan Center and the General Services Administration Area, Prepared for the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Division, Huntsville, Alabama, December 1991.

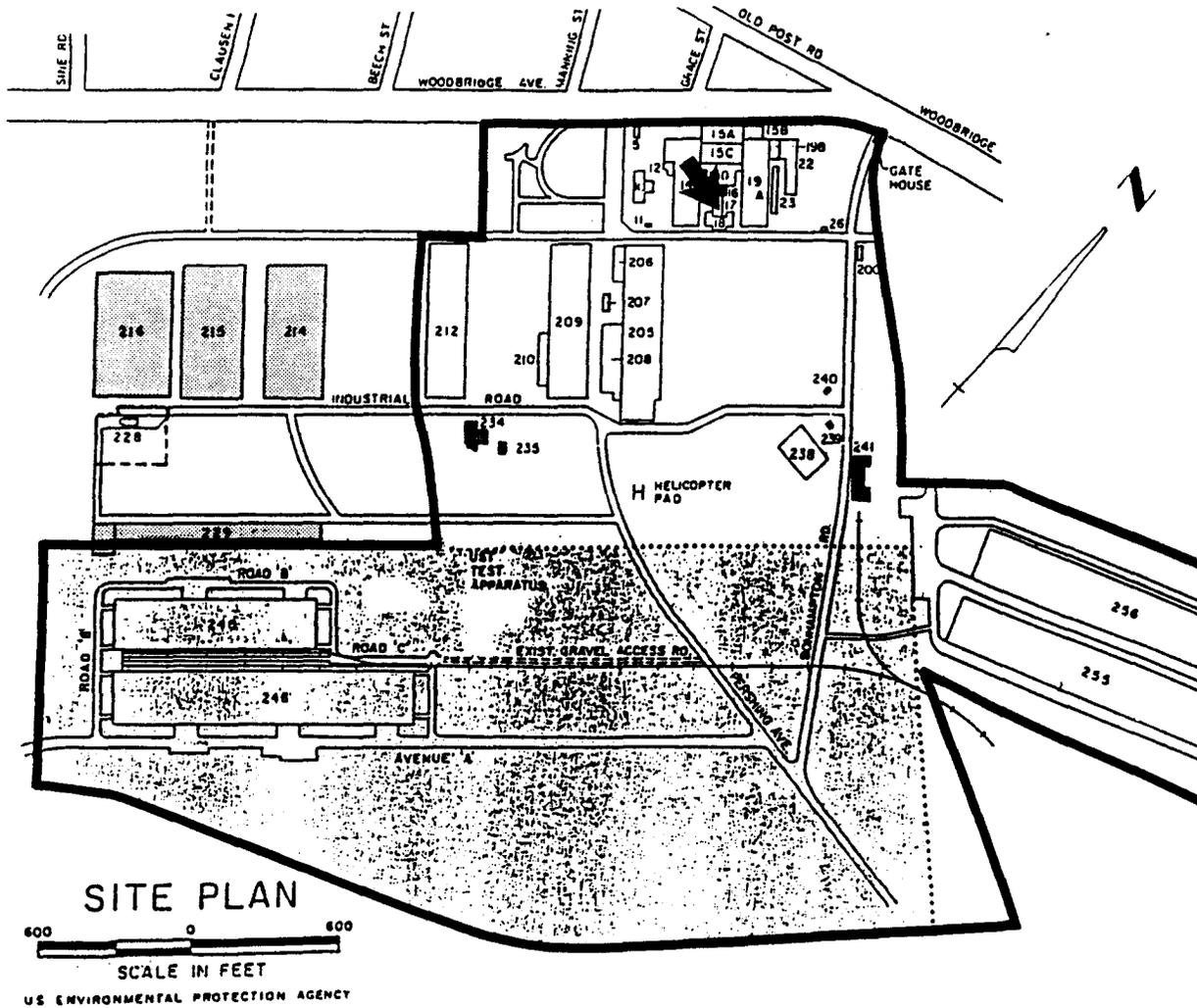
Oversize manuscript map "Raritan Arsenal Building Numbers, January 2, 1943." R.G. 156, Entry 646, Box 225, National Archives, College Park, Md.

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**PROPERTY PLOT PLAN**

Map of the U.S.E.P.A.-owned property which includes part of the former Raritan Arsenal. Arrow points to subject building. Map is altered from Figure 2 of the Stage 1 Cultural Resources Survey, United States Environmental Protection Agency Edison Facility, Edison Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey, 1990.



**KEY:**

-  - EPA BOUNDARY
-  - BUILDINGS OWNED BY MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE
-  - BUILDINGS RECENTLY DEMOLISHED

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SKETCH FLOOR PLAN

