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Old Maps

- **Auction Map 1939** identifies the lots that were sold at the auction to a variety of bidders but most of the land was purchased by the MoD. The land shown in this map, and in particular the lots highlighted for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, is mainly forest and arable land. An outline of the current site is shown on the acetate overlay.
- **An Air Ministry map of 1945** overlays AWE's site map as it stands today. The air map, outlined in red, gives an indication of where the old runways and storage areas on the airfield were located.
- **Ground Maintenance Grass Cutting Map 1972** shows Building A and Facility 2. Facility 3 is not marked on this map as it is prior to its construction. What is apparent from this map is the area on which Facility 3 was constructed is clearly marked as a rough grass area.

4.6.2 Historical Uses of Individual Facilities

- Facility 2

From the Air Ministry map, Facility 2 was constructed between 1959 and 1962 just east of an aircraft dispersal pad.

Facility 2 has been used for a number of different activities over the past 40 years and includes the use of radioactive substances and beryllium, details of which can be found in the facility safety case. Since 1987 most of these areas have been used as beryllium labs and are now classified as beryllium Supervised Areas.

- Building A

Building A was built over the main runway during the 1960's. Further extensions were added to Building A facility from 1989 to 1990.

Beryllium powder was used in these facilities from 1952 to 1988/89 and during this time the stacks were always filtered. Since 1988/89 solid beryllium has been used.

- Facility 3

From the Air Ministry map the location of Building K lies south of the main runway. From the grass cutting map from 1972, this area was rough grass. Between 1972 and 1980 this area was left undisturbed and purely maintained by ground maintenance. A geo-technical site investigation was undertaken during 1980 for the construction of Facility 3 which commenced during the late 1980's. The facility was commissioned during 1993.