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**1. Name**

Central Receiving Building

**2. Location**

**street & number:** 1900 North White Sands Blvd., NMSVH  
**city, town:** Alamogordo **state:** New Mexico **code:** NM  
**county:** Otero **code:** 035

**3. Classification**

**Category:** Building  
**Ownership:** Public  
**Status:** Occupied  
**Present Use:** Warehouse

**4. Owner of Property**

**name:** Regents of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped  
**street & number:** 1900 North White Sands Blvd.  
**city, town:** Alamogordo **state:** New Mexico

**5. Location of Legal Description**

**courthouse, etc.:** Otero County Courthouse  
**street & number:** Corner of 10th and New York  
**city, town:** Alamogordo **state:** New Mexico

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Not applicable.

**7. Description**

**Condition:** Excellent

**Description:** The Central Receiving Building is a one-story building in the Decorative Brick style with a French hipped roof and soffitted wood overhang without brackets. Windows are metal casement with either 4 or 9 lites. There are brick quoins at the corners. There are buff color terra cotta tile continuous lintel, base and drip course around the building. The entry has a pitched roof with arch supported by four brick columns. The door has a fan lite transom. North and south facades include small bracketed wood decorative arch on hip roof at overhang. Originally the building housed a swimming pool. The building was renovated in 1980, and the pool was converted to warehouse space. Its exterior appearance has not been significantly altered.

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### 8. Significance

**Areas of Significance:** Architecture

**Dates:** 1938

**Builder/Architect:** Brittelle and Ginner

**Statement of Significance, Criterion C:** The Central Receiving Building is one of three buildings on the campus of NMSVH constructed in the Decorative Brick style between 1930 and 1938. Not found on other New Mexico campuses, this style had been employed in 1930 by George Williamson for the nominated Auditorium and Recreation building. As used on this campus the style is closely related to the Mediterranean-style designs of Trost and Trost exemplified by the nominated Administration building, and represents a continuation of Williamson's interpretation of the pattern set for the campus by Trost. Like the 1936 Infirmary, this building represents a continuity of architects in that both Brittelle and Ginner worked for Williamson, and Brittelle had been in business with Trost. The building originally housed a swimming pool which may have been the first indoor pool in New Mexico.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Section 8, p. 69A.

### 10. Geographic Data

**Acreage:** 0.18 acre

**Quadrangle name & scale:** Alamogordo North Quadrangle; 1:24,000

**UTM References:**

Zone	Easting	Northing
13	410425	3642000

**Verbal boundary description and justification:** On the lands of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped from the corner of White Sands Blvd. and Indian Wells Rd. proceed east 550 feet; turn south and proceed 120 feet to the north side of the Central Receiving Building. Using the center of the north side of the building as the point of beginning turn west and proceed 25 feet to the NW corner of the building; turn south and proceed 100 feet going around the entrance to the SW corner of the building; turn east and proceed 50 feet to the SE corner of the building; turn north and proceed 100 feet to the NE corner of the building; turn west and proceed 25 feet to the point of origin (note: this verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for the Central Receiving Building. This description is the area around the building measured and described for the Historic Register generally using a landmark as a beginning and ending point for easier reference.).

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