

A COLLECTION OF HISTORIC SEISMIC INSTRUMENTATION PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE ALBUQUERQUE SEISMOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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The Albuquerque Seismological Laboratory (ASL) has preserved a photograph collection featuring historic seismographic equipment, stations, and drawings used by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (USC&GS) in the early-to-mid twentieth century. The photographs were transferred to ASL from the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., after ASL became esTablished as a federal facility for seismological research and instrument testing in 1961. The photographs were used in publications dating as far back to the 1920s to document USC&GS activities or used internally to document instrument installation, operation, and components. The historic collection is made up of hundreds of photographs that were originally printed in the 1930s and 1940s. Our hope is that the archival of these records, as well as brief descriptions about their significance, will help preserve some of the knowledge about seismological advances in the United States.

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