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New process equipment expected to be purchased for this project includes three reactors, pre-treatment vessels and filtration assets, recirculation loops comprised of pumps and piping used to mix the reactor contents, a chemical additives area comprised of pumps and container storage, railcar unloading facilities, ethylene oxide and propylene oxide storage tanks, chillers, cooling towers, compressors, driers, substations, emergency generators, heat exchangers, pumps, mixers, valves, piping and associated pipe racks, scrubbers, electrical and instrumentation equipment, high level switches, computer control systems, structural foundations and supports, access platforms, safety systems (including, but not limited to, safety showers, a water tank, eyewashes, and gas detectors/monitors), automated deluge systems (fire protection systems consisting of piping, sprinkler heads and sensors connected to the fire water system which automatically open in case of fire and cool/extinguish the equipment with large amounts of fire water), and pollution control equipment. New buildings would include an operations control center building containing an operator control room, server room, laboratory, locker room facilities, break room and offices and a maintenance building. Proposed land improvements are a diversion pond, containment and paving, including roads, new rail spurs, and rail unloading areas for unloading ethylene oxide and propylene oxide.

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