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USGS HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION

Construction of administrative wing of new U.S. Geological Survey National Center, Reston, Va.

Construction of entire facility is now more than 95 percent completed. About 2,350 employees of the USGS will be housed in a complex located on a wooded 105-acre site along the Dulles access road 18 miles from Washington.

The 1,200-foot long building will extend along a wooded ridge, varying in height from a seven-story star-shaped administrative wing (portion shown in photo) at the north and lowest point of the ridge through a series of laboratories to a single-story printing plant on the ridge's highest point to the south.

Architects and engineers for the \$44 million facility are Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, Chicago, Ill, and F. D. Nottingham and Associates, Arlington, Va. George Hyman Construction Co., Washington, D.C., is the builder.

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