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Significance: The pumphouse is significant as an element that contributes to the overall integrity of the early twentieth-century Kohl Farmstead.

History: In 1894, Michael Kohl acquired the land upon which the farmstead complex was developed. Improvements to the property began with the construction of a new barn in 1898 and were likely completed by circa 1920.

Description:

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: With its poured concrete walls and roof, the pumphouse appears to have been "over-built" for its function, which was merely to protect the farm's pump.
2. Condition of fabric: The integrity of this structure is poor and continues to deteriorate. Extensive repairs have resulted in numerous additions that have utilized various construction mediums--including tar paper and lathe, aluminum siding and clapboard.

B. Exterior Description:

1. General description: This rectangular, poured concrete structure has an arched, poured concrete roof. A poured concrete stack and bell-shaped cap extend from the roof.
2. Overall dimensions: 9'-0" x 11'-6" x 8'-0" high with an approximately 30" high, bell-shaped cap.

C. Setting:

The pumphouse is located adjacent to the southwest corner of the main barn foundation. Other buildings in the Kohl Farmstead complex include a house (HABS No. WI-348-A), a garage (HABS No. WI-348-B), small machine shed (HABS No. WI-348-C), silo (HABS No. WI-348-D), large machine shed (HABS No. WI-348-F),

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garage/workshop (HABS No. WI-348-G), original residence (HABS No. WI-348-H), cabbage barn (HABS No. WI-348-I) and smokehouse (HABS No. WI-348-J).

Sources: No bibliographic resources unique to this document were used. Citations for all sources used are provided in PART III (SOURCES OF INFORMATION) of the complex's overview document (HABS No. WI-348).

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