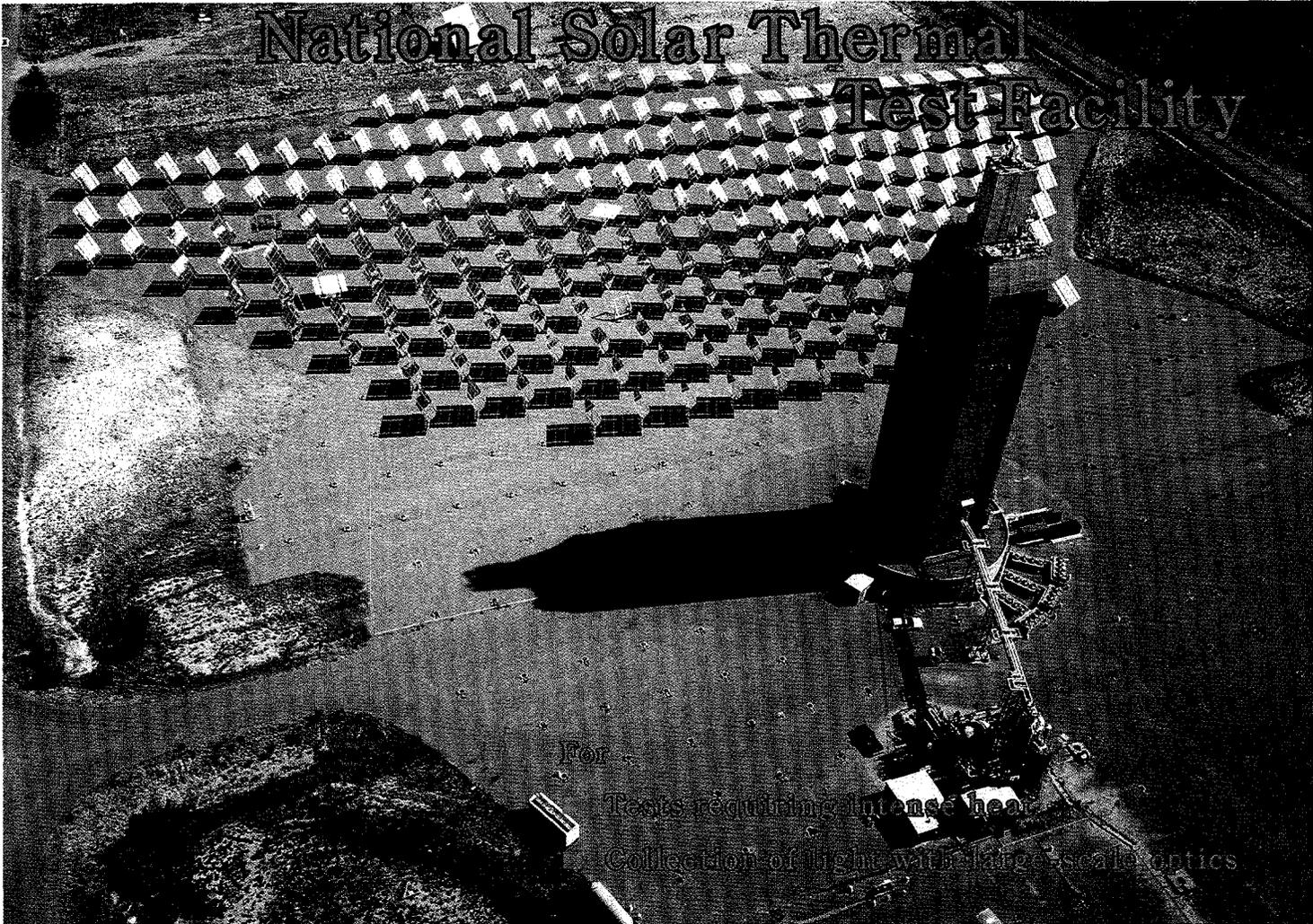




National Solar Thermal Test Facility



The National Solar Thermal Test Facility is operated by Sandia National Laboratories for the U.S. Department of Energy. It is located on Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The facility can provide high-thermal flux for

- Simulation of nuclear thermal flash
- Measurements of the effects of aerodynamic heating on radar transmission
- Measurements of the thermal performance of components and materials
- Investigation of the thermophysical properties of materials
- Solar applications

It can also provide large-scale optics for

- Astronomical observations
- Atmospheric sounding with Lidar

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