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**Continuation Sheet**

Highland Water Tower  
Highland, Doniphan County, KS

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

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The Highland Water Tower was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2007 for its local significance in the area of community planning and development. Highland's water tower was representative of an important period in the growth and development of the town. Having lost many buildings to fire in the late 1800s and early 1900s, community leaders sought improved infrastructure to avoid future fire-related disasters and to accommodate and encourage new development. Similar water towers sprouted across the country as rural and urban communities planned and developed consistent water supplies to fight fires and improve health through clean water. The Highland Water Tower was constructed in 1913-1914 and featured a steel tank that held 50,000 gallons of water and was elevated on four steel support posts that were 100 feet tall.

The Highland Water Tower was dismantled on June 24, 2015. The loss of the resource negatively affects its historic integrity, and the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office requests the property be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Property: Highland Water Tower  
Location: 108 N Genesee St. (SE corner, N. Genesee & W Illinois sts.), Highland, Doniphan County, Kansas  
Photographer: City of Highland  
Date: June 24, 2015

Photo 1: Dismantling of the tank.  
Photo 2: Dismantling of the tank.  
Photo 3: Dismantling of the tank.