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El Infiernillo Dam and Power Station. Located on the Rio Balsas about 20 miles from the Pacific coast, El Infiernillo is an earth-filled dam about 500 feet high by 1,000 feet long. The power station is located at the discharge of the penstock about 1/2 mile downstream of the dam. Built into the rock face of a hillside, the power station includes four 160 megawatt units and two 180 megawatt units. It was constructed in the mid 1960's. The station disconnected from the power grid during the earthquake due to protective relay action.