

**Department of Historic Resources  
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

**Accomack**

**DHR Id#: 001-0027-0006**

**Resource Identification**

Property Name(s): ..... WFF # A-131 - Source Evaluation Board  
 Building {Current}  
 Property Date: ..... 1955  
 Address(s): ..... North Runway Access Road {}  
 County/Independent City: Accomack  
 City: ..... Chincoteague  
 State, Zip: ..... Virginia 23337  
 USGS Quad Name: ..... CHINCOTEAGUE WEST  
 Surrounding area: ..... Rural

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| <p><b>National Register Eligibility Status</b><br/>         Property is not Historic (50 years or older)</p> |
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**Resource Description**

Ownership Status: ..... Public - Federal  
 Acreage: ..... 0.5

**Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:**

| <u>Component</u>  | <u>Comp Type/Form</u>       | <u>Material</u> | <u>Material Treatment</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Chimneys          | Chimneys - None             |                 |                           |
| Foundation        | Foundation - Slab           | Concrete        | Foundation - Poured       |
| Porch             | Porch - None                |                 |                           |
| Roof              | Roof - Gable                | Metal           | Roof - Standing Seam      |
| Structural System | Structural System - Masonry | Concrete        | Structural System - Block |
| Windows           | Windows - Sash, double-hung | Vinyl           | Windows - 1/1             |

Site Description: ..... Located east of the north end of runway 17-35.

| <b>WUZIT Count:</b> |                    |                  |
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| <u>No.</u>          | <u>Wuzit Types</u> | <u>Historic?</u> |
| 1                   | Office             | Historic         |

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| <b>NR Resource Count:</b> |
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**Individual Resource Information**

WUZIT: ..... Office

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| Est. Date of Construction: .... 1955 {Owner/written data} | Accessed? ..... Yes                   |
| Primary Resource? ..... Yes                               | Number of Stories: ..... 1.0          |
| Architectural Style: ..... Other                          | Condition: ..... Good                 |
| Interior Plan Type: ..... Other                           | Threats to Resource: ..... None Known |

**Description:** The simple, rectangular building is made of concrete block with a poured concrete slab foundation and a gable roof covered with standing seam metal. A metal plate, stamped with "Butler MFG Company" is found on the east gable peak. The south elevation is three bays wide. In the first bay from the southwest corner, there is a metal door with a square, fixed-pane window. The opening has a long, concrete lintel under which there is evidence of an originally much larger opening that has subsequently been filled in. Two one-over-one double hung metal sash windows with concrete sills and vinyl storm windows are found in the other two bays on that elevation. The other three elevations each contain a similar, centrally located one-over-one double hung sash window. The window on the east elevation is flanked to the south by a steel door with three fixed panes. There is a single aluminum vent hood located just beneath the gable peak on both ends. A curved, square-section vent hood projects from the roof, near the northeast corner. The building is surrounded on the south and west sides by a paved concrete area.

**Cemetery Information**

**Bridge Information**

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***National Register Eligibility Information***

*Historic Context(s):* ..... Military/Defense

*Historic Time Period(s):*..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

*Significance Statement:* This one-story building, built in 1955, houses communication equipment associated with the range control center, a function that is consistent with its original use when it was constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building is located on the northeast end of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base, at the end of a paved concrete access road close to the northwest end of the shorter, northwest-southeast runway.

The building is representative of a secondary resource associated with a Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945-present) period. The building was one of several buildings constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) in the mid-1950s. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The resource has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource retains its integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

***Bibliographic Documentation***

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*Reference #:* 1

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map  
*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy  
*Citation Abbreviation:* .....  
*Notes:* ..... "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

*Reference #:* 2

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map  
*Author:* ..... Giffles and Valet  
*Citation Abbreviation:* .....  
*Notes:* ..... Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

*Reference #:* 3

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map  
*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy  
*Citation Abbreviation:* .....  
*Notes:* ..... "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

**Ownership Information**

**Graphic Media Documentation**

| <i>Medium</i> | <i>Depository ID #</i> | <i>Photo Depository</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>File Name</i> |
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| 35mm B&W      | 21525                  | DHR                     | 2004/07/99  | Frames 17-20     |

**Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events**

*CRM Event #* 1,

*Cultural Resource Management Event:* ..... Reconnaissance Survey  
*Date:* ..... 2003/08/08  
*Organization or Person:* ..... URS Group  
*VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event:* .. 2003-0571  
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 Bethesda, MD 20814

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 Gaithersburg, MD 20878