

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0031

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # D-102 - Fuel Oil Storage Tank {Current}
 Property Date: 1954
 Address(s): Rehor Road { }
 County/Independent City: Accomack
 Vicinity of: Chincoteague
 State, Zip: Virginia 23337
 USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
 Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
 Property is Historic (50 years or older)

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 - Flat	Steel	Roof - Corrugated
Structural System	Structural System - Not Visible	Steel	

Site Description: Located on a slightly sloping grassy hill, south of Rehor Road.

<u>WUZIT Count:</u>		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Industrial Storage	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Industrial Storage

Est. Date of Construction: 1954 {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 circular tank has a poured concrete base and a flat roof; both the roof and the sides of the tank are sheathed with metal. Two round steel access doors project from the wall surface near the base on the north side. A metal pipe runs up the side of the tank on the north side and connects into the top while another pipe connects into the side. A set of steps, part of a wood plank walkway that provides access from the drive to the tank, goes over the berm and lead to a galvanized steel ladder on the east side. The ladder provides access to a galvanized steel platform at the top of the tank that is supported by steel posts.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

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

Significance Statement: This structure, built in 1954, is one of two adjacent oil storage tanks built for the Chincoteague Naval Air Auxiliary Station (CNAAS). The building was identified as “D-102” on the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by the U.S. Navy. The tanks are located on the south side of Rehor Road near the intersection with Stubbs Boulevard, just south of Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (001-0027-0011, WFF # D-001) and Aircraft Ground Support (WFF # D-002). The tanks are in an elevated area, surrounded by a grass-covered berm. An access drive provides access to the tanks from Rehor Road.

The building is representative of a secondary structure associated with a Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period. The building was one of several structures 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 building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The Fuel Oil Storage Tank 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 structure’s integrity of setting and association have 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 structure’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

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

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Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
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