

Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0058

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

Significance Statement: This one-story concrete block structure, built in 1953, was originally used as a compressor air plant for torpedo and missile testing operations. The building is identified as the “Compressor Building” on the 1953 “Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by the U.S. Navy. It was shown as “F-44” on the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by the U.S. Navy. It currently stores supply paint. The structure is located buildings, behind the Supply Warehouse (WFF # F-019), in a fairly level area on the northwest side of the Wallops Flight Facility main base, with other industrial-focused structures.

This building is an example of a secondary industrial property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS in the early 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 Supply Paint Storage 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.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant 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 any archaeological potential..

Although the doors have been replaced, the resource retains its integrity of materials, design, feeling, and workmanship. While remaining in its historic location, the structure’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 structure’s historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
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Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

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