

PRATT & WHITNEY PLANT
Storage Tanks
(Pratt & Whitney Plant, Other Structures
and Facilities Building No. 69)
1500-2000 East Bannister Road
Kansas City
Jackson County
Missouri

HAER No. MO-118-W

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: 1500–2000 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Present Owner: U. S. Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration.

Present Use: The tanks, with a capacity of 400,000 each, are empty and no longer in use.

Significance: Part of the Bendix Corporation expansion during the 1950s, the tanks held aviation fuel. Due to the diversified requirements of subsequent corporations, the original Pratt & Whitney Plant was modified and added to, meeting the needs of ongoing technological advances while retaining the structural elements that made this complex a landmark of American industrial design.

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of Construction: c. 1955-1960
2. Architect/Engineer: Unknown
3. Builder/Contractor/Supplier: Bendix Corporation (attributed)
4. Original Plans: Unknown
5. Alterations and Additions: No

B. Historical Context

Part of the Bendix Corporation facility expansion in the 1950s, these tanks held aviation fuel.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The two oil storage tanks, constructed of steel, originally held aviation fuel. The tanks, with a capacity of 400,000 each, are empty and no longer in use.

1. Architectural Character: N/A
2. Condition of Fabric: Good

B. Description of Exterior

1. Foundation: Concrete Slab
2. Walls: N/A
3. Structural System: Steel
4. Openings: N/A
5. Roof: Flat

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C. Description of Interior: N/A

D. Site

The two storage tanks to the east of the Main Manufacturing Plant and due south of a large surface parking lot. A concrete containment wall is placed at the south side of the storage tanks.

PART III. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Primary Sources

NNSA Archives. Bannister Federal Complex, 1500-2000 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri.