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Cadastral grid: NE¼, SE¼, Section 30, Township 53N, Range 101W
USGS Quadrangle: Cody, Wyoming (7½ Minute Series, Provisional Edition, 1987)
UTM Coordinates: 12.654260.4933730

Significance:



The East Valve House is significant as a contributing structure in the Standard Oil Company Bulk Depot. Simply massed and detailed, it, like all of the site's structures, illustrates Wyoming's industrial construction.

Description:

Measuring 10'-0" by 8'-0", the East Valve House is a single-story, single-room shed building with a wood-frame structure. The roof is configured as a moderately pitched, front gable, punctuated by a single ventilator. It and the exterior walls are sheathed with painted corrugated steel sheets nailed over the 2x4 studs and rafters. A single-leaf doorway with plain-board casings and sill and a paneled wood door is offset on the front (south) wall; there are no windows. The shed appears to have undergone essentially no alterations and only minor, nonstructural repairs. As indicated by the deteriorated exterior paint, it has suffered from years of deferred maintenance.

History:

Built around 1930, the East Valve House is situated immediately adjacent to the East Shed (1928), at the eastern end of the bulk oil depot. This small shed houses a series of pipes and valves, which were used historically to regulate the flow of fuel from nearby storage tanks. Like the East Shed, this valve house has most recently been owned by the Cody Feed Store, which presently stores and sells fertilizer in a row of upright tanks immediately to the east. Today the valve house stands essentially abandoned.

(Note: For a more extensive history of the Standard Oil Company Bulk Depot, the Cody Industrial Area and the Burlington Railroad, see HABS No. WY-149.)

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