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Tank 2 Degassing Operations Scheduled to Start this Month

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) is scheduled to begin venting, or degassing, tank 2 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility later this month upon approval from the Hawaii Department of Health. This is the seventh tank to be ventilated at the facility over the past year.

During this phase of tank cleaning, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) will be eliminated by pushing clean air from the bottom of the tank and exhausting it through a complex ventilation system. This process is necessary to ensure a safe working environment in the tank. As an added safety measure, there are nine air quality monitoring (AQM) stations in and around Red Hill to ensure air quality in the area is not affected.

NCTF-RH has followed this same process for the first six tanks to be ventilated at the facility. Since those operations began in summer 2024, VOC level readings have remained safe. During ventilation operations, AQM data will be available hourly on the task force mobile app and daily on the website at www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil.



An NCTF-RH contractor operates a

stration at the Red Hill facility that will be

used during pipeline removal operations.

Pipeline Removal: Safety, Containment Measures are Priority

As part of NCTF-RH's commitment to the safe and expeditious decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, the Navy awarded a contract to drain residual fuel from and remove approximately 10 miles of fuel distribution pipelines from the facility. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawaii Department of Health are reviewing the work plans.

NCTF-RH has established personnel and environmental safety measures, and fuel containment procedures are in place as the team prepares to remove residual fuel from the pipelines and clean them prior to removal from the facility.

Some of the measures include: Spill prevention and response plans for handling recovered fuel; strict oversight of rigging and lift plans to handle pipe sections; and a controlled and calculated process to safely transport loads in the tunnel.

Following removal from the facility, the pipes will be shipped to the continental U.S. for recycling.



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