



RED HILL HIGHLIGHTS

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Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Remains Committed to Closing Red Hill Facility

Four years after the Red Hill fuel spill, Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) continues its work to decommission the underground storage tanks, permanently close the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and remediate the affected environment.

Since NCTF-RH stood up in March 2024, the team has been cleaning the fuel tanks, preparing more than 10 miles of pipeline for removal, conducting environmental site assessments, and continuing to engage with stakeholders and the public.

Tank Cleaning

NCTF-RH is in the process of cleaning 14 underground storage tanks in the facility. Six of the facility's 20 tanks were empty and out of service prior to defueling.

Currently, eight tanks are in various stages of the cleaning process, which include degassing, repairs and modifications, removal of solid sludge, equipment installation, pressure washing, and validation.

To date, more than 1,830 gallons of residual fuel and 360 gallons of sludge have been removed from the tanks. For more information regarding tank cleaning, visit www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil.



Pipeline Removal

Pipeline removal operations began earlier this year to remove more than 10 miles of Red Hill pipes in the facility.

Through a process called pigging, crews push or pull foam cylinders through the pipes to collect any residual liquid and debris which was not removed during gravity defueling. The team repeats the process until residual liquid and debris are removed. To date, more than 2,500 gallons of residual fuel have been removed from the pipes.

Once the pipes are verified clean and gas-free, pipe cutting and removal will begin. Check out the NCTF-RH Operations dashboard on the mobile app and website to see current progress.



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Environmental Assessment and Remediation

Part of the NCTF-RH mission is long-term remediation and monitoring of the environment in and around Red Hill. NCTF-RH remains committed to the cleanup and monitoring of affected areas in and around the facility in compliance with federal and state requirements. Some of these efforts will be measured in decades, not just years.

The team is conducting a site assessment to understand the extent of historic fuel releases at Red Hill and inform future remedial efforts, a multi-year effort that is closely planned and coordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency and Hawaii Department of Health.

While the site assessment is underway, the Navy continues conducting pilot studies for future remediation efforts at Red Hill. Some of these efforts include soil vapor extraction and a biodegradation study. Throughout this process, the Navy will continue to evaluate other cleanup methods suitable for the site.



Community Engagement

NCTF-RH actively engages with the community in many ways through its open houses, webinars and public meetings including monthly neighborhood boards and other public and stakeholder engagements.

The public is invited to attend the NCTF-RH open house Dec. 11 from 5-7 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center to see and learn more about the work being done to permanently close the Red Hill Facility.

Be sure to check out our website at www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil or our mobile app for the latest news and information.



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