



RED HILL

HIGHLIGHTS

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NCTF-RH Marks One Year of Operations

March 28 marked one year of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill working alongside federal and state regulators as well as the Oahu community to safely and expeditiously close the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The past year is a testament to a shared commitment to safe and deliberate progress while protecting the land, water and community. The task force is committed to continued partnership with stakeholders and keeping everyone up to date through multiple communication channels and public events.



NCTF-RH Prepares to Return JBPHH Drinking Water System to Compliance Monitoring

NCTF-RH is preparing to return the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Drinking Water Distribution System to normal drinking water compliance monitoring after a successful additional year of monitoring under the Extended Drinking Water Monitoring (EDWM) program. During EDWM, NCTF-RH collected an additional 6,800 samples that further supported the Long-Term Monitoring findings of [no fuel in the water](#). The JBPHH drinking water distribution system continues to meet all safe drinking water standards.

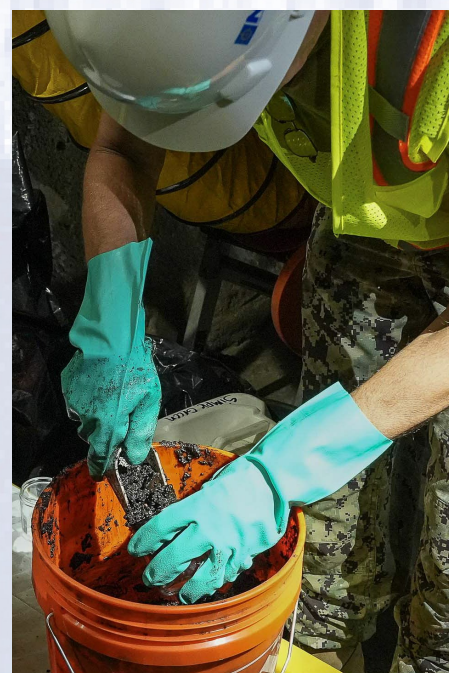
The Water Quality Action Team is still active and can be reached at 808-210-6968 to address drinking water concerns.

Let's Talk About Sludge Removal

In accordance with the regulatory approved [Tank Cleaning Process](#), NCTF-RH has successfully removed 178 gallons of sludge from Tanks 5, 6, 7 and 8. Sludge consists of fuel, fuel additives, rust, dirt, and other oxidized materials that collect at the bottom of all fuel tanks. Sludge removal is a key step in the tank cleaning process. [Click here to view a video on sludge removal.](#)

Sludge sampling involves collecting a representative portion of the sludge to analyze its characteristics, ensuring proper identification and safe management. Sampling helps determine the proper handling, storage, and disposal of the sludge. All sampling has shown the sludge to be non-hazardous.

All sludge is containerized in 55-gallon drums and shipped to an EPA-approved waste management facility in Arlington, Oregon, or Aragonite, Utah.





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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY Draft Environmental Assessment Red Hill Water Treatment Facility

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the Draft
Environmental
Assessment](#)



Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the United States Department of the Navy (the Navy) gives notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and requests public comment on the proposed construction and operation of a new water treatment facility to reconnect water from the Navy's Red Hill Shaft to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) drinking water system and discontinue the discharge of water into Halawa Stream. The Proposed Action would include the construction of a new, permanent water treatment facility and the associated utilities, infrastructure, and site improvements, as well as the connection of an interim, modified granular activated carbon (GAC) water treatment facility that is currently under installation at Red Hill to the Navy drinking water system. Both the permanent water treatment facility and the interim water treatment facility would treat water from the Red Hill Shaft to meet National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and State of Hawaii Department of Health Safe Drinking Water Standards. The Navy anticipates the project would result in less than significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment.

The Draft EA is available for public review and download at the following website: <https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/About-Us/National-Environmental-Policy-Act-NEPA-Information/>. Hard copies of the Draft EA are available for review at the Aiea Public Library and the Hawaii State Public Library.

Written comments on the Draft EA may be provided by mail to: ATTN: Red Hill Water Treatment Facility EA Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii/EV21, Building 55, 400 Marshall Road, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96860-3139, or by email: RedHillEA@hhf.com. **Written comments must be received or postmarked by April 20, 2025 to be considered in the Final EA.**

[Click here to submit comments](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS: Onizuka Day of Exploration (April 5) | FTAC (April 9) | Ewa Neighborhood Board (April 10)