



RED HILL HIGHLIGHTS

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The mission of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) is to execute the permanent decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) safely and expeditiously, and continue long-term environmental remediation in coordination with State and Federal regulators in order to protect public health and the environment.

NCTF-RH Hosts Final Open House and Webinar of 2025

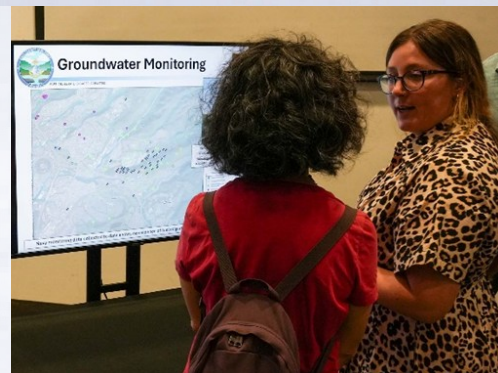
Yesterday, NCTF-RH hosted the last public webinar of 2025 where Capt. Richard Barkley, the NCTF-RH facilities and engineering officer, shared details on the pipeline removal project, how the task force intends to remove the approximately 10 miles of pipeline, and provided an update on pipeline cleaning status. NCTF-RH anticipates completing the pipe cleaning process in early 2026. From there, the team will begin a significant milestone: the cutting and removal phase; a significant effort and testament of the commitment to the residents of Oahu to permanently close the RHBFSF.

Last week, the task force hosted its public open house offering the community the opportunity to speak one-on-one with engineers and environmental specialists regarding NCTF-RH's ongoing decommissioning and environmental operations, including pipe cleaning, pipeline removal, the Navy's plan for reactivating the Navy Aiea-Halawa shaft, and other key safe closure initiatives for the RHBFSF.

University of Hawaii representatives were also available to speak about the Red Hill Registry, Halawa Stream ecological monitoring, and the university's independent groundwater flow model projects.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events in the new year on the NCTF-RH website, mobile app, Let's Talk Red Hill podcast and Red Hill Highlights.

Beyond scheduled community outreach and engagement opportunities, the public is also encouraged to submit questions and comments at any time to NCTF_PAO@us.navy.mil. Frequently asked questions can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/NCTF-RH-FAQs>.



Tank 20 Degassing Operations Completed

NCTF-RH safely and successfully completed degassing tank 20 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) on Dec. 9. Tank 20 is the eighth tank out of 14 to undergo the degassing process, which is the first step in preparing for the cleaning and decommissioning of the RHBFSF. Workers will now prepare the tank for pressure washing in the coming months. [Click here](#) to view more information about the tank cleaning process.



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