



RED HILL HIGHLIGHTS

37th Edition; March 31, 2026

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EPA Confirms “no evidence of residual fuel” in the JBPHH Drinking Water System; Water System Continues Normal Compliance Monitoring

On March 31, the Environmental Protection Agency released their closeout report regarding the Navy’s enhanced drinking water monitoring program of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water distribution system.

The report, which was submitted to the EPA in June 2025, details the process, procedures and results of the Navy’s long-term monitoring and enhanced drinking water monitoring programs over the last three years and formally closes out the programs.

Specifically, EPA confirmed that “there is no evidence of residual fuel, or other fuel-related contaminants, remaining in the JBPHH or AMR (Aliamanu Military Reservation) PWS (public water systems) following the November 2021 fuel release from Red Hill.” The release of the report and endorsement by the EPA also allows the Navy to return to normal safe drinking water monitoring of the JBPHH system.

“The Navy supports EPA’s assessment of over three years of extensive, enhanced drinking water monitoring that clearly demonstrates that the system has recovered from the November 2021 Red Hill fuel release,” said Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Deputy Commander Rear Adm. Lester Ortiz. “The Navy continues to provide drinking water monitoring in compliance with all state and federal safe drinking water requirements.”

Along with normal compliance monitoring, the Navy will continue responding to consumers and providing resources like the Water Quality Action Team (WQAT) to address and investigate potential drinking water concerns. Consumers can call 808-210-6968 for services. [Click here](#) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill> to view EPA’s report and press release.

The EPA will also host a webinar regarding the report on April 14. [Click here](#) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill> for more information and to register.

Final Report: Assessment of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Aliamanu Military Reservation Public Water Systems

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NCTF-RH Provides Update at CWRM Meeting

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill leaders provided their regular operational update to the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Commission on Water Resource Management on March 24.

Updates included tank cleaning progress, pipeline cleaning and removal status, environmental assessment and remediation, and drinking water quality of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system.

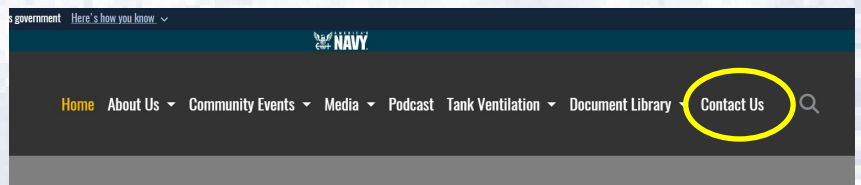
Video of the briefing is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGvMOwJKow0>, and slides can be found at www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil.



Frequently Asked Questions Available Online

Open and transparent communication remains a priority for Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH).

Questions received from the public and stakeholders, whether through community engagements, one-on-one conversations, or the NCTF-RH website are captured by the team for review, and responses to frequently asked questions are posted quarterly at www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil



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Red Hill Public Health Information

For public health information related to Red Hill, [click here](#) or visit <https://ph.health.mil/Pages/default.aspx>. Resources include updates regarding the Red Hill Registry and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Report published in March 2026. The public can also view NCTF-RH's responses to NASEM's request for information [here](#).



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OPEN HOUSE

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026
- 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
- PEARL AT KALAUAO (PEARL 2 RM)
 - 98-535 KAONOHI STREET
AIEA, HI 96701
 - AMPLE PARKING IN THE MAIN LOT



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