



RED HILL HIGHLIGHTS

45th Edition; July 23, 2026

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Fact Check

At the direction of the Hawaii State Department of Health, the Navy continues to pump the Red Hill Shaft at a reduced average rate of 1.7 million gallons per day to sustain a groundwater capture zone.

Pipeline Cutting and Removal Begins at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility



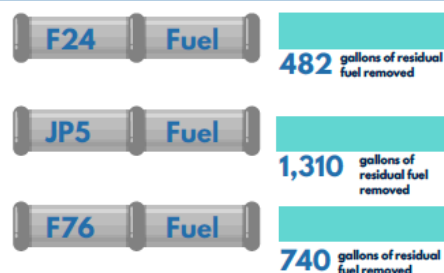
Navy Closure Task Force—Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began pipeline removal operations at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) in June. Removal of the pipes, which measure approximately 10 miles in total length, is a key milestone in the process in the permanent closure of the facility.

To ensure safe handling, the pipeline will be cut into approximately 6,000 sections, with each piece measuring a maximum of nine-and-a-half feet long, along with the removal of 60 attached valves.

Once cut, pipe sections will be safely transported out of the facility and shipped to the continental United States for recycling. Pipeline removal is anticipated to be complete in 2028. [Click here](#) or visit www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil to view the entire press release.



PIPELINE REMOVAL (DRAIN & CLEAN)



99%
of pipeline
clean

2,532
total gallons of
residual
fuel removed as
part of pipeline
cleaning efforts

PIPELINE REMOVAL (CUT & REMOVE)



1.32%
of pipeline removed from the
Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage
Facility

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NCTF-RH Begins Degassing 12th Tank at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began degassing tank 16 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) last week, marking another significant milestone in the facility's decommissioning process.

Hourly air quality monitoring (AQM) data will be posted on the NCTF-RH mobile app, and daily AQM data will be posted at www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil.

For updates on tank cleaning and pipeline removal, check out the dashboard on our website or mobile app. [Click here](#) or visit www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil to view the entire press release.



NCTF-RH Provides Update to Navy League



On July 14, 2026, NCTF-RH Deputy Commander Rear Adm. Lester Ortiz met with members and staff of the Navy League Honolulu Council to provide an update on the NCTF-RH mission.

The discussion focused on the decommissioning timeline, which remains on track for completion by 2028, and highlighted that environmental monitoring and cleanup will continue long after the facility closes.



For further information, please visit
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