

1. U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Assets Provide Firefighting Support to Maui and Hawaii Islands Active-duty military components under U.S. Indo-Pacific Command are providing support to firefighting efforts on Maui and Hawaii islands. The U.S. Army 25th Combat Aviation Brigade deployed two UH-60 Blackhawks and one CH-47 Chinook to Hawaii Island to conduct firefighting operations. Additionally, U.S. Navy Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 sent MH-60R Seahawk helicopters to assist the U.S. Coast Guard in search and rescue operations. USINDOPACOM forces stand ready to assist as requested by the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii National Guard. We offer deepest condolences to those families and communities that have been devastated by the destructive wildfires. Our hearts and thoughts are with the people of Hawaii and with first responders as they fight the wildfires.

2. Lab Confirms Testing Error - No Elevated TPH-O Levels in Family Housing - Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam has learned that a verbal notification received on Aug. 7, of two un-validated preliminary results of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon in the Oil (TPH-O) range taken from single residences in the Doris Miller and Radford Terrace housing communities were the result of laboratory error. The Navy learned of these possible exceedances from the off-island EPA-certified laboratory that tested the samples. Following a re-extraction of the samples, the laboratory confirmed that both were non-detect for TPH. Those preliminary results had not yet undergone validation as part of the lab quality control process. These actionable levels were established by the Hawaii Department of Health as part of the Drinking Water Long -Term Monitoring program. The Navy, in coordination with the DOH, took multiple steps to investigate and address this potential issue. Navy personnel immediately collected additional water samples from the impacted homes and adjacent neighbors, testing them with an on-site lab analyzer used to screen tests for the presence of TPH. The results of these tests were also negative. There was no JP-5 fuel present in the samples. Once the Navy learned of the potential exceedances, immediate actions were taken to notify families of both residences. Then Navy provided residents with bottled water and took steps to address any other concerns they have while awaiting follow-up test results. In addition, samples were taken from two adjacent neighbor homes and the Peltier Child Development Center. The samples also detected no TPH. All residents have been informed of the negative results. Navy technicians returned to these homes Aug. 8 to collect base-line water samples, flush the home, and collect another set of samples 24 hours later in accordance with the DOH approved LTM plan. These samples will be shipped to the EPA-certified lab on the mainland for full analysis. The Navy has no indications that there is a larger concern with its drinking water distribution system. Thirteen other samples were collected the same day from the same neighborhood, and none revealed elevated results. Since the inception of the LTM program 18 months ago, more than 6,500 samples have shown that water from the Navy's drinking water distribution system continues to meet EPA and DOH safe drinking water standards. Additionally, all drinking water supplied to the Navy's system continues to come from Waiawa shaft, which is located six miles west of Joint Base. On Aug. 9, the Navy hosted host a Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Booth at the Halsey Terrance Navy Exchange Mini Mart. The booth featured more information about LTM, and the latest validated sample results from the Joint Base Safe Waters website (www.jbphh-safewaters.org). Housing residents with concerns about their drinking water

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should contact the JBPHH Emergency Operations Center at 808-449-1979. Residents with medical concerns may call the Red Hill Clinic at 1-800-874-2273, select Option #1.

3. The Navy continues to work with the stakeholders and regulators on operations and work regarding Red Hill. While DoD is working through the process on defueling, the Navy is planning tank closure planning with regulators. The most recent closure plan – supplement 2 submitted May 31 – identifies the removal of the three Red Hill fuel pipelines. This key update demonstrates the DON’s commitment to never use the tanks for storage of fuel or other hazardous substance storage. More information is available at <https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/> - all info on defueling, closure.

- The Navy submitted its initial tank closure plan Nov. 1, 2022. The analysis of alternatives (4 options) was submitted Dec. 22, 2022, and the supplemental 1 went to the regulators Feb. 28. This supplemental provided amplifying information on the first major milestone in the Tank Closure Plan for cleaning the tanks. While DOH reviews the closure plan, Navy has provided them Supplement #1 (cleaning) and responded to all their RFIs that they had submitted.

4. The Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Information Booth has been an important information tool in our outreach to families impacted by the Red Hill spill. The booth was at the Halsey Terrace Navy Exchange Mini Mart Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. 1p.m. The team will also host an information booth at Hickam AAFES on Aug. 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A presentation on the Long-Term Monitoring program was made to the faculty and staff of Iroquois Point Elementary school was conducted on Aug. 3, and the information booth will participate in their Open House on Aug. 25.

5. The Department of the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency, in partnership with the EPA, invited members of the public to attend the planning meeting for the formation of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Community Representation Initiative on July 27. The EPA-directed and managed Community Representation Initiative is being established in direct response to the feedback received from the community through the 2023 Administrative Consent Order. Its primary objective is to enable a self-selected group of individuals to represent the interests of the community to the DON, DLA, EPA, and other participating federal, state, and local agencies. For more information about Red Hill and the 2023 Consent Order, please visit the Navy Region Hawaii website <https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/>.

6. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- There have been some recent discharges of partially treated wastewater into the ocean via a deep-water outfall. The Navy notified Hawaii Department of Health when these issues happened. Water surrounding the base remains safe for recreational use; the bypass should not have any impact on near shore water and beaches. The Navy has informed the State Department of Health as per operating permit requirements.
- Water samples taken after the first three steps of the Navy’s four steps have been completed have historically shown bacteria levels remain well below what is

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permitted. Aug. 18 at 8:34 a.m. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam discharged approximately 20 gallons of partially treated wastewater to be discharged into the ocean via a deep-water outfall, 1.5 miles offshore. Although the wastewater bypassed the sand filter, it did receive ultraviolet disinfection treatment prior to discharge to the ocean. Cause was a high tide and inflow/infiltration. This bypass should not have any impact on near shore water and beaches.

7. The Defense Health Agency Region Indo-Pacific announced on April 10 that they will provide medical evaluations to civilians who were potentially exposed to jet fuel. The agency will provide medical assessment and, if medically necessary, care at the Red Hill Clinic located in the Branch Health Clinic Makalapa on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. Any civilian who resided in housing served by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Water Distribution System, or who worked full- or part-time on the base or any DOD facility served by the base between November 20, 2021 and March 18, 2022, and who are experiencing persistent symptoms the individual attributes to jet fuel contamination are invited to call to schedule their medical assessment. Appointments will be available Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. HST. Days vary depending on base access. Individuals may contact the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line to begin the appointing process. Call 800-874-2273, select option 1, and request an appointment at the Red Hill Clinic. The TRICARE Nurse Advice Line is available 24/7. Please be mindful that wait times may be long due to high demand.

8. The Navy has completed its first year of Long-Term Monitoring (LTM.) The Interagency Drinking Water System Team (IDWST) developed a long-term plan to monitor drinking water quality. Long-term monitoring of the Navy water system will continue over the next year. LTM results are posted the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam website -- <https://jbphh-safewaters.org/>. With more than 6,500 tests taken to date, the Navy water system drinking water remains safe to drink. Navy remains focused on the safety and protection of the environment and community. Period six of the LTM program began July 1 and will end in December 2023.

9. The 2023 Navy Water Quality Report is Available. The report can be viewed online. It contains information about the water delivered during the 2022 calendar year – information on where the water comes from, what is inside it, and there’s information on how the water compares to regulator standards for safe drinking water. You can find the report here: <https://cnrh.cnic.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Environmental/Water-Quality-Information/>

10. The Navy completed a multi-day Pearl City Peninsula Community Clean-up on July 13. A total of 25 cars, 2 flatbeds, 60 engines/transmissions, 45 motorcycles/mopeds and 350 tires were removed in addition to multiple dumpsters of waste.

11. Joint Task Force - Red Hill (JTF-RH)

- o **Joint Task Force - Red Hill** released an **updated defueling dashboard** on its website and mobile app on August 10, and release a press release today that they

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intend to commence repacking operations at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) August 28. Repacking involves filling the pipelines with fuel to remove air in preparation for the gravity-based defueling of the main underground storage tanks at the RHBFSF, which is set to begin Oct 16. A motion graphic describing repacking can be viewed on the defueling dashboard or at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/884474/repacking-motion-graphic>. For more information about JTF-RH, visit <https://www.pacom.mil/jtf-red-hill/> or download the App by searching for “JTF–Red Hill” in the Apple App store or Google Play store.

○ Hawaii Department of Health Conditionally Approves All 253 Repairs Joint Task Force-Red Hill (JTF-RH) announced August 19 it received Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) conditional approval of all 253 completed repairs, enhancements, and modifications at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF).

The JTF-RH repair process included three different evolutions of quality checks for each of the 253 repairs. Once the contractor executing each repair completed the work, they performed a Quality Control (QC) step to check that work. Next, the DoD executing agency who administered the repair contract and the JTF-RH Quality Assurance (QA) and Safety Directorate performed a QA check of the repair, to verify the repair's quality a second time.

12. Navy is Hiring - Navy Region Hawaii is participating in a job fair on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at Blaisdell Center, providing on-the-spot tentative job offers for security guards, dispatcher, housing office personnel and financial management professionals.

13. USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) arrived in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, August 8, 2023. USS Carl M. Levin is the first naval ship named in honor of Michigan’s longest serving senator, the late Carl M. Levin, for his years of service as a longtime member and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The ship was christened on Oct. 2, 2021 at the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, and commissioned in on June 24, 2023, in Baltimore.

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