

## **Navy Report – April 2024**

1. **Navy Region Hawaii Mo'olelo.** Navy Region has a weekly two-page newsletter that highlights stories and items of interest on Oahu and Kauai. We post it every Wednesday and appreciate your feedback and comments. You can find the most current and other issues here: [The Weekly Mo'olelo - News from around the Region \(afpims.mil\)](https://www.afpims.mil/newsroom/region).
2. **Hiring Fairs.** Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command will host a job fair April 30 at Ala Moana Hotel's Garden Lanai from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Navy Region Hawaii has a LinkedIn page; please follow us for more information on hiring opportunities.
3. **EUL:** The Department of the Navy submitted a public notice of availability for a draft environmental assessment (EA,) that will cover two land leases for clean/renewable energy projects on Joint Base. The notice of the draft EA will allow an opportunity for communities in Hawaii to learn about the projects and provide feedback. The proposed action is to lease Navy land to a commercial developer to construct and operate renewable energy infrastructure on two separate sites on JBPHH. One proposed site near PHNSY would house a biofuel-powered Firm Renewable Generation plant, and the other proposed site in Salt Lake on Navy land would house a photovoltaic solar generating system. Additionally, the sites would be connected to the existing Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) electric infrastructure. The public may view a copy of the Draft EA for this action at the following website: <https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/About-Us/National-Environmental-Policy-Act-NEPA-Information/> Comments on the Draft EA and on the NHPA documentation may be submitted at any time during the 30-day public comment period from April 3, 2024 through May 2, 2024 via email at [NFPAC-Receive2@navy.mil](mailto:NFPAC-Receive2@navy.mil).
4. **Bike Path Clean up.** JB PHH working with City and County on cleanup of Pearl Harbor Historic Bike Path, Saturday, 20 April, 0800 to 1200 at four locations. Please see JB FB posts (it's pinned to the top) for more details on locations and POC info.
5. **HURREX :** JB PHH and multiple tenants on base conducting hurricane exercise April 22-25 in preparation of upcoming hurricane season. Exercise is mostly Emergency Operations Center and table top type processes leading up to hurricane landfall.
6. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):** The Navy is aware of several invasive aquatic species in Pearl Harbor and is working with local, state and federal agencies for effective management, and the development of methodologies for strategic removal, eradication, and long-term adaptive management in preventing the spread of it here in Hawaii waters. The Navy does not know definitively how these invasive aquatic species came into the area. They are not known to attach and travel on the hulls of ships, but they are a popular aquarium species and have been sold illegally within the state. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam issued an updated base instruction that re-stated the Hawaii Department of Health 1998 health advisory that states fish and shellfish from Pearl Harbor should not be eaten. In addition to stating that fishing in these areas is "catch-and-release" only, the new instruction also restricts fishing in other designated areas due to the invasive octocorals.
7. **Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH)** The Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) assumed authority from Joint Task Force-Red Hill (JTF-RH) on March 28. The

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NCTF-RH will ensure continuity of mission for safety, security, and community engagement as well as focus on closure and long-term environmental remediation. The primary initiatives of the NCTF-RH are the removal of 4,000 gallons of residual fuel described as Navy responsibility in Defueling Supplement 3, removing sludge from and cleaning the tanks, removing approximately 10 miles of pipeline, and remediating the natural environment of the Red Hill site. Their website is [www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil](http://www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil)

8. **The Navy continues to work with the stakeholders and regulators on operations and work regarding Red Hill.** More information on defueling and closure is available at <https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/>.

Other updates and responses to the regulators – EPA and DOH – can be found on the Navy’s Red Hill website closure page - [DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CLOSURE PLAN, RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY](#).

9. **Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring.** In 2022, the Interagency Drinking Water System Team (IDWST) developed a long-term plan to monitor drinking water quality. The Navy completed Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) last month, with more than 8,000 tests taken. The Navy water system drinking water remains safe to drink. Navy remains focused on the safety and protection of the environment and community, ensuring the water meets federal and State safe drinking water standards

The Navy is voluntarily continuing extensive sampling of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam water distribution system for an additional year. “We are doing this because it is the right thing to do,” said Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander of the Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) and Navy Region Hawaii. The Extended Drinking Water Monitoring (EDWM) program, which the Navy developed, began this month – April – and will run for 12 additional months. Data collected demonstrates that Navy’s drinking water continues to meet all Federal and State drinking water standards. Results can be found at [www.jbphh-safewaters.org](http://www.jbphh-safewaters.org).

**The Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Information Booth** has been an important information tool in our outreach to those impacted by the Red Hill spill. The booth provides information regarding the LTM plan and allows affected residents to view testing results from their homes and neighborhoods, request sampling for their residence, and ask questions. A community outreach schedules will be available on the JBPHH Safe Waters website at [www.jbphh-safewaters.org](http://www.jbphh-safewaters.org)

10. **DHA Public Health Hosted Webinar for Community** DHA Public Health hosted a webinar April 9 on Teams, hosted by COL John Oh, Chief, Occupational and Environmental Health Division at the Defense Health Agency Public Health. More information is available on our website; the webinar will be recorded for on-demand viewing.

On Jan. 9, COL Oh gave an update on several DHA Public Health Red Hill initiatives and answered some questions posed from the community. The webinar was recorded, and can be accessed here: [https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting\\_a690e3bd04aa4ce7b7ae3f0a590b9724%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fae6d70f-954b-4811-92b6-0530d6f84c43%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22966b5624-43cc-4a2e-b335-0af977a69d5a%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d](https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting_a690e3bd04aa4ce7b7ae3f0a590b9724%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fae6d70f-954b-4811-92b6-0530d6f84c43%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22966b5624-43cc-4a2e-b335-0af977a69d5a%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d)