



# RED HILL HIGHLIGHTS

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**FACT CHECK: The Red Hill Shaft hasn't been connected to the Navy's drinking water system since 2021**

## Collins Assumes Command of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill

Rear Adm. Brad Collins assumed command of Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) from Rear Adm. Steve Barnett during a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Aug. 5. Rear Adm. Barnett now heads to Norfolk, Virginia to assume command of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. [Click here to view Collins' bio.](#)

As the NCTF-RH commander, Collins will continue to oversee the command's mission to decommission the underground storage tanks and close the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, long-term environmental remediation in and around Red Hill, and ongoing public engagement and communication.

Rear Adm. Marc Williams still serves as the NCTF-RH deputy commander overseeing daily task force operations.



## Pipeline Cleaning Operations begin at Red Hill

The Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill team recently began pipeline cleaning operations to prepare for pipeline removal at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility this year.

The pipes are cleaned through a process called "pigging."

During pigging, a pipe-sized foam cylinder is pushed or pulled through the pipes several times until the pipes are cleared.

Throughout the process, additional spill protection measures are put in place. The Navy will provide extensive oversight of contractors to maintain the safety of the environment.

Once the pigging is complete, a Marine Chemist will inspect the pipe to certify it is ready for cutting and removal. Pipe material will be recycled on the U.S. mainland.

Check out this episode of Let's Talk Red Hill to learn more about pigging: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfocFRwtf08>.



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## NCTF-RH Continues to Communicate with the Public

NCTF-RH is committed to keeping you informed and providing timely updates through multiple communication channels and public events including the mobile app, website, routine community engagements, webinars, public meetings, Let's Talk Red Hill podcast and "Red Hill Highlights" – just like this one.

Additionally, the public is encouraged to check out the Frequently Asked Questions page on the task force website at [www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil](http://www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil).

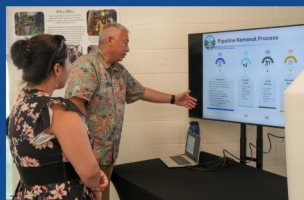
Stay up to date on future NCTF-RH events, by visiting the task force website or download the free mobile app by searching for NCTF-Red Hill in the Apple App store or Google Play store.

### NAVY CLOSURE TASK FORCE-RED HILL

## QUARTERLY OPEN HOUSE



- WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20, 2025
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- OAHU VETERANS CENTER
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